

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 9, 2014

Ronald "Ronny" Graham
CHAIRMAN

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
January 9, 2014 9:30 AM

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1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2013
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4. To Hear Enforcement & Aviation Reports December
5. To Hear an Update on Oyster Programs
6. To Receive the Financial Budget Report on the Rigs to Reef Program
7. To Consider a Declaration of Emergency to set the 2014-2015 Commercial King Mackerel Season
8. To Consider a Notice of Intent to Remove Netting Restrictions on Spanish Lake (St. Martin and Iberia Parishes)
9. To Consider a Notice of Intent to Remove Slot Limit Regulations on Chicot Lake, Cross Lake, Vernon Lake, CLECO Lake, Spanish Lake, and Black Bayou (Benton)
10. To Consider a Notice of Intent to Modify Recreational Regulations for Blue and Channel Catfish for LA – TX Border Waters
11. To Hear a Presentation about the Pearl River WMA
12. To Consider a Notice of Intent for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 General and WMA Hunting Seasons and Rules and Regulations and the 2015 General and WMA Turkey Hunting Season and Rules and Regulations
13. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
14. Set May 2014 Meeting Date
15. Receive Public Comments
16. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, January 9, 2014

Chairman Ronny Graham presiding

Billy Broussard
Pat Manuel
Will Drost
Stephen Sagrera
Dan Davis
Ann Taylor

Secretary Barham was also present

Wendy Brogdon Called Roll

Chairman Graham called for a motion for approval of the **December 5, 2013 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Manuel. Chairman Graham called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

For the agenda item, **Commission Special Announcements/Personal Privilege** there were none heard

Lt. Col. Joey Broussard stated, for the agenda item, **To Hear Enforcement & Aviation Reports/November**, the department's planes flew a total of 81.0 aviation hours for the month. There were Seven (7) boating accidents reported with Two (2) injuries and Two (2) Fatalities. There were 1372 total cases for the month of December with 430 Written Warnings issued and 24 Public Assistance.

Three (3) news releases were discussed

First, Four men were cited for deer hunting violations in Bienville Parish, including hunting deer during illegal hours with artificial light, hunting from moving vehicle and possession of an illegally taken deer

The second News Release: Two men cited for Red Drum violations in Plaquemines Parish on December 18th. Agents cited the men for possessing undersized red drum and for possessing more than the five red drum per person per day limit.

The Third News Release: LDWF Enforcement Division agents cited a Baker man for alleged deer hunting violations on December 18th in East Baton Rouge Parish. The man was cited for two counts of illegal possession of poisonous arrow pods, obstruction of justice and no possession of deer tags.

The next item, **To Hear an Update on Oyster Programs** was handled by Ms. Drue Winters. Ms. Winters informed the group that the Public Seed Grounds East of River landings are down. The Damage assessments from the BP Oil Spill are not in yet, but the seed size is up this year.

Ms. Winters stated that WLF is currently building a new Oyster Hatchery.
There were no comments or questions heard

Chairman Graham announced the next item, **To Receive the Financial Budget Report on the Rigs to Reef Program**, to be presented by Mr. Randy Pausina

Mr. Pausina began with a PowerPoint Presentation:

National Fishing Enhancement Act of 1984

- Secretary of Commerce developed the National Artificial Reef Plan
- Document was general in scope and provided for flexibility at the local level

1986 Louisiana Legislature Passed Act 100 Louisiana Fishing Enhancement Act

R.S. 56:639.1 Established an artificial reef program in the offshore waters of LA

- Enhance fishing opportunities for commercial and recreational users
- Minimize conflicts among competing resources
- Minimize environmental risks
- Be consistent with international and national fishing laws

Louisiana Artificial Reef Development Program

- Artificial Reef Development Council was created
- LDWF, LSU (DOCS), and Louisiana Sea Grant
- Operate out of the Artificial Reef Development Fund
- To oversee the Artificial Reef Development Program
- To provide guidance to LDWF on policy and procedural matters and shall make recommendations regarding the allocation of funds

Responsibilities of the Council

LDWF (Facilitator)

- Review reef applications, coordinate with state and federal agencies, and hold joint public hearings
- Oversee maintenance and placement requirements of the reefs

LSU Department of Oceanography & Coastal Sciences (DOCS)

- Assist in biological monitoring and evaluate recommend reef sites and design

Louisiana Sea Grant

- Update exclusion mapping
- Promote public awareness of the program

Artificial Reef Development Fund

- LDWF Secretary is authorized to accept donations and assistance from private or public sources
- Up to 10% of annual donations & 10% of the interest income credited to the fund shall be provided for:
 - 1.) Wild Seafood Certification Program
 - 2.) Inshore Fisheries Habitat Enhancement Projects

Artificial Reef Expenditures (FY 14 - \$10.5M)

Artificial Reef Development Program	\$ 5,173,261
- Rigs to Reef Program Operations	
- Inshore Artificial Reef Program	
- Reef Fish Research	
- Coastal Pelagic Fish Research	
- Highly Migratory Species Research	
- Grand Isle Fisheries Research Lab Operations	
LACR LACreel (MRIP)	\$ 25,434
RS70 Red Snapper Quota Monitoring	\$ 297,894
SC70 Louisiana Wild Seafood Program	\$ 2,617,697
SH70 Marine Science and Research Center Development	\$ 440,359
SW70 Louisiana Saltwater Series	\$ 26,734
Total	\$ 8,581,378

Artificial Reef Expenditures

- Current FY 14 Budget = \$10,556,826
- Total Expended to date = \$8,581,378
- Current Art Reef Fund Balance = \$14,575,142
- FY 13/14 Expected Donations = \$7,500,000
- Expected Year End Total = \$22,075,142
- FY 14/15 Budget Request = \$11,335,562
- Expected Budget Remaining = \$10,739,580

Chairman Graham announced the next item, To Consider a Declaration of Emergency to set the 2014-2015 Commercial King Mackerel Season, to be presented by Jason Adriance

Mr. Adriance stated that the commercial season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2014 and remain open until the allotted portion of the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

Effective with seasonal closures under this rule, no person shall commercially harvest, possess, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sell, or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade, or sell king mackerel, whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. Also effective with this closure, no person shall possess king mackerel in excess of a daily bag limit, which may only be in possession during the open recreational season by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Nothing shall prohibit the possession or sale of fish by a commercial dealer if legally taken prior to the closure providing that all commercial dealers possessing such fish taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6.

There were no comments or questions heard. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Drost. Chairman Graham called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of this Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Commercial King Mackerel Harvest
2014-15 Commercial King Mackerel Season

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:953 which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to employ emergency procedures to establish seasonal rules to set finfish seasons, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 which provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following season for the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters:

The commercial season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2014 and remain open until the allotted portion of the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial

king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested. Such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2015, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2015-16 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

The Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open additional commercial king mackerel seasons in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened such additional seasons and to close such seasons when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, or as needed to effectively implement the provisions herein upon notification to the Chairman of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Effective with seasonal closures under this rule, no person shall commercially harvest, possess, purchase, exchange, barter, trade, sell, or attempt to purchase, exchange, barter, trade, or sell king mackerel, whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters. Also effective with this closure, no person shall possess king mackerel in excess of a daily bag limit, which may only be in possession during the open recreational season by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Nothing shall prohibit the possession or sale of fish by a

commercial dealer if legally taken prior to the closure providing that all commercial dealers possessing such fish taken legally prior to the closure shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6.

Ronald "Ronny" Graham, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Chairman Graham announced the next item, To Consider a Notice of Intent to Remove Netting Restrictions on Spanish Lake (St Martin and Iberia Parishes), to be presented by Mike Wood

Mr. Wood stated that Wildlife and Fisheries makes notice of its intent to remove netting restrictions on Spanish Lake (St. Martin and Iberia Parishes).

Spanish Lake State Game and Fishing Preserve

A. General

1. Parking is restricted to designated parking areas.
2. ATVs (three wheelers and four wheelers) and motorbikes are prohibited on the levee.
3. Discharge of any firearms on the levees is prohibited.
4. Overnight camping is prohibited, except by special permit issued by Spanish Lake Game and Fishing Preserve Commission for supervised groups only.
5. No trapping of furbearing animals, except by special permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

There were no comments or questions heard. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Drost. Chairman Graham called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of this Notice of Intent
is made a part of the record)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to remove netting restrictions on Spanish Lake (St. Martin and Iberia Parishes).

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part III. State Game and Fish Preserves and Sanctuaries

Chapter 3. Particular Game and Fish Preserves, Wildlife
Management Areas, Refuges and Conservation Areas

§329. Spanish Lake State Game and Fishing Preserve

A. General

1. Parking is restricted to designated parking areas.

2. ATVs (three wheelers and four wheelers) and motorbikes are prohibited on the levee.

3. Discharge of any firearms on the levees is prohibited.

4. Overnight camping is prohibited, except by special permit issued by Spanish Lake Game and Fishing Preserve Commission for supervised groups only.

5. ~~The possession or use of commercial nets, including hoop nets, trammel nets, gill nets and fish seines, is prohibited, except by special permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.~~

6. No trapping of furbearing animals, except by special permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6, R.S. 56:721 et seq., R.S. 56:801 and R.S. 36:610.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 23:872

(July 1997), amended LR 30:1734 (August 2004), LR 35:968 (May 2009), LR 40:xxx (xxxx 2014).

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the Final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Interested persons may submit written comments of the Notice of Intent to Mr. Mike Wood, Director, Inland Fisheries Section, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., xxxx, 2014.

Ronny Graham

Chairman

Chairman Graham announced the next item, To Consider a Notice of Intent to Remove Slot Limit Regulations on Chicot Lake, Cross Lake, Vernon Lake, CLECO Lake, Spanish Lake, and Black Bayou (Benton), to be presented by Mike Wood.

Mr. Wood stated, Wildlife and Fisheries would like to modify the recreational harvest regulations for largemouth bass on Black Bayou Lake, Chicot Lake, Cross Lake, Lake Rodemacher, Spanish Lake, and Vernon Lake, Louisiana.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission establishes a statewide daily take (creel limit) of 10 fish for black bass (*Micropterus spp.*). The possession limit shall be the same as the daily take on water and twice the daily take off water.

In addition, the commission establishes special size and daily take regulations for black bass on the following water bodies:

Caney Creek Reservoir (Jackson Parish) Size Limit—15-inch to 19-inch slot. A 15 to 19-inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 15 inches and 19 inches, both measurements inclusive. Daily Take—8 fish of which no more than 2 fish may exceed 19 inches maximum total length.* Size Limit—14-inch to 17-inch slot. A 14-to 17-inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 14 inches and 17 inches, both measurements inclusive.

Daily Take—eight fish of which no more than four fish may exceed 17 inches maximum total length.* Possession limit: on water—same as daily take; off water—twice the daily take.

False River (Pointe Coupee Parish) Size Limit—14-inch minimum size limit. Daily Take—5 fish.

Possession limit: on water—same as daily take; off water—twice the daily take.

Poverty Point Reservoir (Richland Parish) Size Limit—15 inch-19inch slot. A 15-19 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 15 inches and 19 inches, both measured inclusive.

Daily Take—8 fish with only one fish over 19 inches per person: on water possession—same as daily limit per person.

Louisiana-Texas Border Waters—Toledo Bend Reservoir, Caddo Lake, and Sabine River: The size, daily take, and possession limits for black bass for water bodies located on the Louisiana-Texas border (Toledo Bend Reservoir, Caddo Lake and the Sabine River) are established in §110 of this Chapter.

*Maximum total length—the distance in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the most posterior point of the depressed caudal fin as measured with mouth closed on a flat surface

There were no comments or questions heard. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Drost and seconded by Commissioner Broussard. Chairman Graham called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of this Notice of Intent is made a part of the record)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to modify the recreational harvest regulations for largemouth bass on Black Bayou Lake, Chicot Lake, Cross Lake, Lake Rodemacher, Spanish Lake, and Vernon Lake, Louisiana.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§149. Black Bass Regulations—Daily Take and Size Limits

A. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission establishes a statewide daily take (creel limit) of 10 fish for black bass (*Micropterus spp.*). The possession limit shall be the same as the daily take on water and twice the daily take off water.

B. In addition, the commission establishes special size and daily take regulations for black bass on the following water bodies:

1. Caney Creek Reservoir (Jackson Parish)

a. Size Limit—15-inch to 19-inch slot. A 15 to 19-inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 15 inches and 19 inches, both measurements inclusive.

b. Daily Take—8 fish of which no more than 2 fish may exceed 19 inches maximum total length.*

c. Possession limit:

i. on water—same as daily take;

ii. off water—twice the daily take.

2. John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir (Red River Parish)

a. Size Limit—14-inch to 17-inch slot. A 14-to 17-inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 14 inches and 17 inches, both measurements inclusive.

b. Daily Take—eight fish of which no more than four fish may exceed 17 inches maximum total length.*

c. Possession limit:

i. on water—same as daily take;

ii. off water—twice the daily take.

3. False River (Pointe Coupee Parish)

a. Size Limit—14-inch minimum size limit.

b. Daily Take—5 fish.

c. Possession limit:

i. on water—same as daily take;

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Deleted: Lake Rodemacher (Rapides Parish) and Vernon Lake (Vernon Parish).

ii. off water—twice the daily take.

4. Poverty Point Reservoir (Richland Parish)

a. Size Limit—15 inch—19inch slot. A 15—19 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a black bass whose maximum total length is between 15 inches and 19 inches, both measured inclusive.

b. Daily Take—8 fish with only one fish over 19 inches per person:

i. on water possession—same as daily limit per person.

5. Louisiana-Texas Border Waters—Toledo Bend Reservoir, Caddo Lake, and Sabine River:

a. The size, daily take, and possession limits for black bass for water bodies located on the Louisiana-Texas border (Toledo Bend Reservoir, Caddo Lake and the Sabine River) are established in §110 of this Chapter.

*Maximum total length—the distance in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the most posterior point of the

depressed caudal fin as measured with mouth closed on a flat surface.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25) (a), R.S. 56:325(C), R.S. 56:326.3, and R.S. 56:673.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR:14:364 (June 1988), amended LR 17:277 (March 1991), repromulgated LR 17:488 (May 1991), amended LR 17:1122 (November 1991), LR 20:796 (July 1994), LR 23:1168 (September 1997), LR 24:505 (March 1998), LR 26:97 (January 2000), LR 28:104 (January 2002), LR 29:373 (March 2003), LR 30:2339 (October 2004), repromulgated LR 30: (October 2004), repromulgated LR 30:2495 (November 2004), amended LR 37:2440 (August 2011), [amended LR 40:xxxx \(xxxx 2014\)](#).

HISTORICAL NOTE:

Section 191 repealed in its [entirety. LR 40:xxxx \(xxxx 2014\)](#).

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the Final Rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements, the filing

Reed, Bobby 12/2/13 8:29 AM

Deleted: §191. Black Bass Regulations-Spanish Lake .

Reed, Bobby 12/2/13 8:29 AM

Deleted: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2263 (November 1999).

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Ronny Graham

Chairman

Chairman Graham announced the next item, To Consider a Notice of Intent to Modify Recreational Regulations for Blue and Channel Catfish for LA – TX Border Waters, to be presented by Mike Wood.

Mr. Wood stated that Wildlife and Fisheries gives notice of its intent to modify the recreational harvest regulations for blue and channel catfish on the waters of the Louisiana-Texas border, specifically Toledo Bend Reservoir, Caddo Lake, and the Sabine River, in accordance with the reciprocal agreement between Texas and Louisiana.

Purpose: Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 56:673 and the July 1, 2010 Memorandum of Understanding between Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Texas Parks and Wildlife, the Commission hereby ratifies and enters into an agreement with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to establish uniform and reciprocal regulations for the recreational harvest of freshwater game fish on the waters of the Louisiana-Texas border, specifically Toledo Bend Reservoir, Caddo Lake, and the Sabine River. Those regulations are as follows:

Toledo Bend Reservoir

1. The recreational daily creel limit (daily take) for largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) and spotted bass (*Micropterus punctulatus*) is set at eight fish, in aggregate. The minimum total length limit for largemouth bass (*M. salmoides*) is 14 inches. There is no minimum length limit on spotted bass. For enforcement purposes, a spotted bass shall be defined as a black bass with a tooth patch on its tongue.
2. The daily creel limit for white bass (*Morone chrysops*) is twenty-five (25) fish and there is no minimum length limit.
3. There is no limit on the daily take of Yellow Bass (*Morone mississippiensis*).
4. The recreational daily creel limit for black crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*) and white crappie (*Pomoxis annularis*) is set at twenty-five (25) fish, in the aggregate, and there is no minimum length limit.
5. The recreational daily creel limit for channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*) and blue catfish (*Ictalurus furcatus*) is set at fifty (50) fish in the aggregate, there is no minimum length limit and not more than five (5) fish may exceed thirty (30) inches in total length.
6. The recreational daily creel limit for flathead catfish (*Pylodictis olivaris*) is set at ten (10) fish. The minimum length limit is eighteen (18) inches.

Caddo Lake

1. Harvest regulations for black basses (largemouth bass, *Micropterus salmoides* and spotted bass, *Micropterus punctulatus*) on Caddo Lake are as follows:
 - a. Largemouth bass size limits – fourteen to eighteen (14-18) inch slot. A 14-18 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a largemouth bass whose maximum total length is between 14 inches and 18 inches, both measurements inclusive.
 - b. Spotted bass size limits – no minimum length limit. For enforcement purposes, a spotted bass shall be defined as a black bass with a tooth patch on its tongue.

c. The daily creel limit (daily take) for black bass (*Micropterus spp.*) is set at eight (8) fish, in the aggregate, of which no more than four (4) largemouth bass may exceed eighteen (18) inches maximum total length.

2. The daily creel limit for white bass (*Morone chrysops*) is twenty-five (25) fish and there is no minimum length limit.

3. There is no daily creel limit on yellow bass (*Morone mississippiensis*), and there is no minimum length limit.

4. The recreational daily creel limit for black crappie (and white crappie (*Pomoxis annularis*) is set at twenty-five (25) fish, in the aggregate, and there is no minimum length limit.

5. The recreational daily creel limit for channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*) and blue catfish (*Ictalurus furcatus*) is set at fifty (50) fish in the aggregate, there is no minimum length limit and not more than five (5) fish may exceed thirty (30) inches in total length.

6. The recreational daily creel limit for flathead catfish (*Pylodictis olivaris*) is set at ten (10) fish. The minimum length limit is eighteen (18) inches.

Sabine River

1. For purposes of this Section the Sabine River shall be defined as River proper from the Toledo Bend Dam downstream to the Interstate 10 Bridge and the River proper upstream from Toledo Bend Reservoir to the point at which the entire river enters Texas as marked by state line sign.

2. The recreational daily creel limit (daily take) for largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) and spotted bass (*Micropterus punctulatus*) is set at eight fish, in aggregate. The minimum length limit for largemouth bass (*M. salmoides*) is 14 inches. There is no minimum length limit on spotted bass. For enforcement purposes, a spotted bass shall be defined as a black bass with a tooth patch on its tongue.

3. The daily creel limit for striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) is set at five (5) fish. There is no minimum length limit and only two (2) fish may be over thirty (30) inches in total length.

4. The daily creel limit for white bass (*Morone chrysops*) is twenty-five (25) fish and there is no minimum length limit.

5. There is no daily creel limit on yellow bass (*Morone mississippiensis*), and there is no minimum length limit.

6. The recreational daily creel limit for black crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*) and white crappie (*Pomoxis annularis*) is set at twenty-five (25) fish, in the aggregate, and there is no minimum length limit.

7. The recreational daily creel limit for channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*) and blue catfish (*Ictalurus furcatus*) is set at fifty (50) fish in the aggregate, there is no minimum length limit and not more than five (5) fish may exceed thirty (30) inches in total length.

8. The recreational daily creel limit for flathead catfish (*Pylodictis olivaris*) is set at ten (10) fish. The minimum length limit is eighteen (18) inches.

Daily Possession Limit: Toledo Bend Reservoir, Caddo Lake, and the Sabine River

The following possession limits apply to all persons while on the waters of Toledo Bend Reservoir, Caddo Lake, or the Sabine River. No person shall possess any species of fish in excess of a one day creel limit. No person shall at any time possess in excess of the daily creel limit of any species, except that a two day creel limit may be possessed on the land, if the fish were caught on more than one day and no daily creel limits were exceeded. No person shall possess any fillets of any fish species while on the water.

There were no comments or questions heard. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Manuel and seconded by Commissioner Broussard. Chairman Graham called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of this Notice of Intent is made a part of the record)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to modify the recreational harvest regulations for blue and channel catfish on the waters of the Louisiana-Texas border, specifically Toledo Bend Reservoir, Caddo Lake, and the Sabine River, in accordance with the reciprocal agreement between Texas and Louisiana.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 1. Freshwater Sports and Commercial Fishing

§110. Texas Border Waters Recreational Creel, Size, and Possession Limits

A. Purpose

1. Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 56:673 and the July 1, 2010 Memorandum of Understanding between Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Texas Parks and Wildlife, the Commission hereby ratifies and enters into an agreement with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to establish uniform and reciprocal regulations for the recreational harvest of freshwater game fish on the waters of the Louisiana-Texas border, specifically Toledo Bend Reservoir, Caddo Lake, and the Sabine River. Those regulations are as follows:

B. Toledo Bend Reservoir

1. The recreational daily creel limit (daily take) for largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) and spotted bass (*Micropterus punctulatus*) is set at eight fish, in aggregate. The minimum total length limit for largemouth bass (*M. salmoides*) is 14 inches. There is no minimum length limit on spotted bass. For enforcement purposes, a spotted bass shall be defined as a black bass with a tooth patch on its tongue.

2. The daily creel limit for white bass (*Morone chrysops*) is twenty-five (25) fish and there is no minimum length limit.

3. There is no limit on the daily take of Yellow Bass (*Morone mississippiensis*).

4. The recreational daily creel limit for black crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*) and white crappie (*Pomoxis annularis*) is set at twenty-five (25) fish, in the aggregate, and there is no minimum length limit.

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6. The recreational daily creel limit for flathead catfish (*Pylodictis olivaris*) is set at ten (10) fish. The minimum length limit is eighteen (18) inches.

C. Caddo Lake

1. Harvest regulations for black basses (largemouth bass, *Micropterus salmoides* and spotted bass, *Micropterus punctulatus*) on Caddo Lake are as follows:

a. Largemouth bass size limits - fourteen to eighteen (14-18) inch slot. A 14-18 inch slot limit means that it is illegal to keep or possess a largemouth bass whose maximum total length is between 14 inches and 18 inches, both measurements inclusive.

b. Spotted bass size limits - no minimum length limit. For enforcement purposes, a spotted bass shall be defined as a black bass with a tooth patch on its tongue.

c. The daily creel limit (daily take) for black bass (*Micropterus spp.*) is set at eight (8) fish, in the aggregate, of which no more than four (4) largemouth bass may exceed eighteen (18) inches maximum total length.

2. The daily creel limit for white bass (*Morone chrysops*) is twenty-five (25) fish and there is no minimum length limit.

3. There is no daily creel limit on yellow bass (*Morone mississippiensis*), and there is no minimum length limit.

4. The recreational daily creel limit for black crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*) and white crappie (*Pomoxis annularis*) is set at twenty-five (25) fish, in the aggregate, and there is no minimum length limit.

5. The recreational daily creel limit for channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*) and blue catfish (*Ictalurus furcatus*) is set at fifty (50) fish in the aggregate, there is no minimum length limit and not more than five (5) fish may exceed thirty (30) inches in total length.

6. The recreational daily creel limit for flathead catfish (*Pylodictis olivaris*) is set at ten (10) fish. The minimum length limit is eighteen (18) inches.

D. Sabine River

1. For purposes of this Section the Sabine River shall be defined as River proper from the Toledo Bend Dam downstream to the Interstate 10 Bridge and the River proper upstream from Toledo Bend Reservoir to the point at which the entire river enters Texas as marked by state line sign.

2. The recreational daily creel limit (daily take) for largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) and spotted bass (*Micropterus punctulatus*) is set at eight fish, in aggregate. The minimum length limit for largemouth bass (*M. salmoides*) is 14 inches. There is no minimum length limit on spotted bass. For enforcement purposes, a spotted bass shall be defined as a black bass with a tooth patch on its tongue.

3. The daily creel limit for striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) is set at five (5) fish. There is no minimum length limit and only two (2) fish may be over thirty (30) inches in total length.

4. The daily creel limit for white bass (*Morone chrysops*) is twenty-five (25) fish and there is no minimum length limit.

5. There is no daily creel limit on yellow bass (*Morone mississippiensis*), and there is no minimum length limit.

6. The recreational daily creel limit for black crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*) and white crappie (*Pomoxis annularis*) is set at twenty-five (25) fish, in the aggregate, and there is no minimum length limit.

7. The recreational daily creel limit for channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*) and blue catfish (*Ictalurus furcatus*) is set at fifty (50) fish in the aggregate, there is no minimum length limit and not more than five (5) fish may exceed thirty (30) inches in total length.

8. The recreational daily creel limit for flathead catfish (*Pylodictis olivaris*) is set at ten (10) fish. The minimum length limit is eighteen (18) inches.

E. Daily Possession Limit: Toledo Bend Reservoir, Caddo Lake, and the Sabine River

1. The following possession limits apply to all persons while on the waters of Toledo Bend Reservoir, Caddo Lake, or the Sabine River. No person shall possess any species of fish in excess of a one day creel limit. No person shall at any time possess in excess of the daily creel limit of any species, except that a two day creel limit may be possessed on the land, if the fish were caught on more than one day and no daily creel limits were exceeded. No person shall possess any fillets of any fish species while on the water.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6 (25) (a), R.S. 56:325 (C), R.S. 56:326.3, R.S. 56:673.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 14:548 (August 1988), amended LR 17:278 (March 1991), LR 17:1123 (November 1991), LR 19:790 (June 1993), LR 23:999 (August 1997), LR 31:948 (April 2005), LR 37:2439 (August 2011). LR 40

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the Final Rule, including but not limited to, the

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Interested persons may submit written comments of the Notice of Intent to Mr. Mike Wood, Director, Inland Fisheries Section, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., March 14, 2014.



Mr. Ribbeck began with a Powerpoint Presentation

History

- Currently 35,728 acres
- Original acquisition in 1971
- 15,580 acres
- Conservation Fund/BOR (LWCF)

- 14 additional acquisitions totaling 20,148 acres
- Acquisition Funding Sources
- Conservation Fund
- Marsh Island
- General Fund
- Rockefeller Fund
- The Nature Conservancy Donation
- WHNHT Fund
- Other Donations
- Landscape
- Located six miles east of Slidell in St. Tammany Parish
- Lies within the Pearl River floodplain, between East and West Pearl Rivers, and within the NASA Stennis Space Center Buffer Zone (restricted development)
- Flat terrain, poor drainage
- Annual flooding events (typically winter and/or spring)
- Roads and hunting closed when river stage reaches 16.5 feet at Pearl River gauge
- Habitat
- Bottomland Hardwood Forest (45%)
Intermediate Marsh (20%)
 - Cypress-Tupelo Swamp (35%)

Personnel

- Currently one full-time Technician (since 1976)
- Historically two Wildlife Technicians, until 2008
- Technicians from other WMAs assist as needed
- Biologist Supervisor and Field Biologist oversee nine

WMAs in East Gulf Coastal Plains Ecoregion

Hurricane Katrina – Aug. 29, 2005

- BLH habitat experienced most damage
 - 89% of red oaks damaged
 - 74% of white oaks damaged
 - Open canopy, thick understory, and downed trees
 - Personnel cleared 29 miles of roads and trails
- Cypress-tupelo habitat experienced minor damage
- Intermediate marsh experienced tremendous scour damage, opening up the marsh

Infrastructure

Roads – 4 roads totaling 9.6 miles

- Asphalt road (Old Highway 11) – 3.0 miles
- 2 miles recently overlaid by DOTD in 2011
- Gravel roads (6.6 miles total)
- Oil Well Road – 3.0 miles
- Indian Bayou Road – 2.2 miles
- Po-Boy Road – 1.4 miles
- Bridges - 10

- Trails – Nine systems totaling 19.0 miles
- Year-Round ATV Trail – 0.6 miles
- Physically Challenged ATV Trail – 2.0 miles
- Nature Trail – 1.3 miles

Headquarters – Bunkhouse/Shop/Residence

- Crawford Landing Road
- Campground
- Crawford Landing Road
- Self-Clearing Permit Check Stations
- 8 kiosks located at access points to the WMA
- Boardwalk
- Boundary
- Boat ramps to access WMA
- Middle River, Davis Landing, Crawford Landing, East Pearl, Indian Village, White Kitchen, Curtis Johnson



Future Goals

- Repair gravel roads where needed and supplement with additional aggregate

- Resurface remainder of Old Highway 11 with asphalt – 1.0 mile
- Replace aging culverts
- Redevelop ATV Trails via RTP Funding to make suitable for UTV use

Users

- Hunting
- Deer
- Squirrel
- Waterfowl
- Fishing
- Freshwater Fishing
- Crawfishing
- Non-consumptive
- Shooting
- Birdwatching
- Boating
- Sightseeing/Hiking
- Variety of wildlife managed on WMA
- Deer, small game, wild turkey, waterfowl, alligator
- Invasive species control
- Feral hog
- Nutria
- Chinese tallow tree
- Japanese climbing fern
- Chinese privet

Deer

- 2003-2013 average

- 60 deer/year, 3083 deer hunter efforts/year
- Recent decline in harvest
- Factors include competition with hogs, flooding, habitat changes
- Reduced from 70 to 49 days for 2013-14 season

Management

- Collect biological data
- Managed hunts, health checks, browse surveys
- Timber Stand

Improvement (TSI)

- Set back succession
- Maintenance of openings/corridors

Small game

- Squirrel
- Depend on hard mast production
- Harvest on the rise with good mast production and increased hunter access
- Rabbit
- Population expanded after Katrina, but early successional habitat currently on decline
Management
- Mast production surveys
- Maintain tree health via timber management
- Establish browse with appropriate timber management practices

Wild Turkey

- Population negatively impacted by H. Katrina

- Personnel worked diligently to reestablish corridors and openings
- Turkey season closed 2006 to present, EXCEPT Youth Lottery Hunt opened in 2011
- Proposed General Lottery Hunt - 2015

Management

- Maintain corridors and openings by mowing and spraying

Waterfowl

- Use dependent on habitat condition (seed & SAV production) and water levels
- Tropical storms
- Scour, saltwater intrusion

Management

- Prescribed burning in marsh
- Wood duck nest boxes
- Wood duck banding
- Hunter bag checks

Alligator

- Population managed through hunting and egg collections
- Egg collections (June 15 – July 15)
- 7,500 egg quota
- 3,254 eggs collected in 2013 (high water)
- Bid Hunting
- Three zones, one hunter/zone
- 204 tags issued, 201 tags filled
- Lottery Hunting
- 15 hunters, three tags each
- 45 tags issued, 40 tags filled

Feral Hogs

- Harvest is increasing
- Directly compete with native wildlife for resources
- Damage habitat
- Carry diseases transmissible to native wildlife

Management

- Expanded harvest opportunities
- Can take during any legal season on WMA
- February hog dog season
- Trapping
- Limited permit trapping
- Personnel trap as well
- Disease monitoring

Shooting Range

- History
- Opened in 1983
- 7 days/week, no fee, unsupervised
- Hunter Education Courses
- Closed in 1993 for repairs due to damage/abuse
- Southeast Louisiana Firearms Safety, Inc (SELFIS)
- Non-profit corporation
- Began operating range in 1993
- 10 year lease agreement with LDWF
- Renewed in 2003 and 2013
- In 2013 LDWF expanded leased area to nine acres for development of archery range
- Hunter Education Courses, Field Days, Police Training, other group use

Shooting Range

- Current offerings
- 15 positions at 100 yard rifle range
- 25 positions at 25 yard pistol range
- Three positions at sporting clays range
- Future Goals
- A walk-through archery range
- Two additional shooting positions on rifle line
- Improved PA system for range line communication

Shooting Range Operations

- At present
- Winter hours
- Friday (11:00am – 4:00pm)
- Saturday – Sunday (8:00am – 4:00p)
- \$6.00 range fee
- Users required to have valid LA hunting license, fishing license, or Wild Louisiana Stamp
- Users required to obtain daily check-in numbered ticket at range
- Volunteer range safety officers allowed to shoot when range closed to public
- Shooting Range Safety Zone established Nov 2013

Commissioner Graham called for Public Comments

Jay Hunt representing SELFS (Range Officer)
Provided 2 documents – Sound Survey (Noise Impacts)

Mr. Hunt went over the presentation he made
He stated there are 100 volunteer Range Officers
No One is paid to work on the Range
Has full data of the 23 thousand users of the Range
The presentation contains Graph Charts (Hunters that use the Range)
Grant Funds Received

Mr. Hunt also stated he has 1,023 signatures on a petition to not change the hours of operation

Commissioner Manuel asked if the "State collects any money from the Range" – Mr. Hunt
Responded, "No".
Mr. Hunt stated that the NRA pays a small commission

Commissioner Manuel asked "How many Range Officers does it take to operate on a daily
basis"
Mr. Hunt stated there are 2 shifts per day; only 1 shift on Friday (only open in the afternoon)
4 people per shift

Commissioner Taylor asked "Have they considered opening on Thursday"
Mr. Hunt stated there is not enough staff to open on Thursday because its done by volunteers
who have other jobs

Mr Steve Fleming spoke next – stating that his family has lived there for over 300 years. He
spoke about that Hogs carry diseases and how he used to make his living off the hogs
Buckshot is bad and the property used to have lots of turkeys

Mr. Randy Ledet spoke next – Hogs are becoming nocturnal because of all of the shooting
during the day. He stated enforcement needs to have more agents out there and to give
enforcement authority to the biologist that work there.

Mr. George Haas spoke next – Handicap Hunter that spoke previously at Commission meetings
about the handicap access. He thanked the Commission for the improvements that had been
made over the past month to allow better access for the wheelchair confined

Chairman Graham announced the next item, To Consider a Notice of Intent for the 2014-2015
and 2015-2016 General and WMA Hunting Seasons and Rules and Regulations and the 2015
General and WMA Turkey Hunting Season and Rules and Regulations, to be Presented by
Steve Smith

Mr. Smith went over the 2014-2015 Proposed Regulations Changes as follows:

1) WMA Schedules

- a. Big Colewa Bayou WMA
 - i. Move Physically Challenged Hunt from Mon. after Thanksgiving to 2nd Sat. of Dec. and change from 14 to 16 days
 - 1. Places hunt more in line with rut and adds additional opportunity.
- b. Bodcau WMA
 - i. Prohibit towable watersports in Ivan Lake
 - 1. Requested by fisheries to protect recent restoration/improvement project on lake and address safety/user conflict issues. Lake is full of stumps and usually too low to ski in. Restoration/improvement project involved building of piers and fish structure.
- c. Boeuf WMA
 - i. Prohibit waterfowl hunting during entire either sex deer gun hunt
 - 1. Safety issue. This was left out of regulations last year and it is the intent to restrict waterfowl hunting area-wide during this hunt.
- d. Dewey W. Wills WMA
 - i. Move Experimental Quality Deer hunt from 3rd Sat. of Jan. to last 7 days of Jan.
 - 1. On years with 5 Saturdays in Nov. such as this year, the two seasons overlap. This will ensure that this does not happen. No reduction of available days.
- e. Elbow Slough WMA
 - i. Change Steel Shot Only requirement to Non-Toxic Shot Only.
 - 1. Allows use of all non-toxic alternatives to lead.
- f. Fort Polk-Vernon WMA
 - i. Remove requirement for annual hunter permit from the Army.
 - 1. Army eliminated this program, and permit is no longer required.
- g. Lake Boeuf WMA
 - i. Extend deer hunting allowance from 12 noon to all day.
 - 1. Additional opportunity.
- h. Maurepas Swamp WMA
 - i. Move Primitive Firearms from the Sat. after firearms bucks only for 9 days to 2nd Sat. of Jan. for 2 days and Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan for 7 days.
 - 1. To better coincide with Area 9 season. No change in available days.
- i. Peason Ridge WMA
 - i. Remove requirement for annual hunter permit from the Army.
 - 1. Army eliminated this program, and permit is no longer required.
- j. Pomme de Terre WMA
 - i. Move Experimental Quality Deer hunt from 3rd Sat. of Jan. to last 7 days of Jan.
 - 1. On years with 5 Saturdays in Nov. such as this year, the two seasons overlap. This will ensure that this does not happen. No reduction of available days.
- k. Richard K. Yancey WMA

- i. Make regulations reflective of combination of Red River and Three Rivers WMAs in one WMA.
 - ii. Expand area allowed for Crawfishing from the Yakey tract to everything West of the MS River Levee.
 - 1. Additional Crawfishing opportunity.
 - iii. Move Experimental Quality Deer hunt from 3rd Sat. of Jan. to last 7 days of Jan.
 - 1. On years with 5 Saturdays in Nov. such as this year, the two seasons overlap. This will ensure that this does not happen. No reduction of available days.
 - l. Sandy Hollow WMA
 - i. Move 2 days of Primitive firearms to the 1st Sat. of Jan for 2 days.
 - 1. To better coincide with Area 4 season. Will ensure that the last weekend of primitive season is open when there is an open either-sex weekend in Area 4. No loss of available days.
 - m. Spring Bayou WMA
 - i. Move Experimental Quality Deer hunt from 3rd Sat. of Jan. to last 7 days of Jan.
 - 1. On years with 5 Saturdays in Nov. such as this year, the two seasons overlap. This will ensure that this does not happen. No reduction of available days.
 - n. Tunica Hills WMA
 - i. Make 1st 15 days of Archery Bucks Only
 - 1. To coincide with Area 6 season.
- 2) Federal Lands Schedules
- a. USACE Bonnet Carre Spillway
 - i. Calendar Adjustments
 - b. USACE Indian Bayou
 - i. Calendar Adjustments
 - c. USACE Old River Control and Lock Area
 - i. Calendar Adjustments
 - d. NPS Barataria Preserve
 - i. Calendar Adjustments
 - ii. Addition of Bucks Only Firearms Seasons.
 - 1. To coincide with Area 9 Bucks Only and Either Sex Seasons.
 - e. USFS Kisatchie National Forest
 - i. Calendar Adjustments
 - ii. Requirement for a permit for use of a duck blind on Corney Lake.
 - 1.
 - iii. Implement SCP requirement for turkey hunting on Preserves.
 - 1. Facilitates data collection on use and harvest.
- 3) General and WMA Rules and Regulations
- a. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.C.2
 - i. Restrict harvest of raccoon and opossum to rimfire firearms.
 - 1. Original intent of regulation. Prevent use of centerfire (.204 Ruger).
 - b. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.C.10
 - i. Add KNF to and remove Loggy Bayou and Soda Lake tracts from bobcat harvest restrictions.

1. KNF wishes to be same as outside on Bobcat. Loggy Bayou and Soda Lake tracts already governed by WMA rules and regs.
- c. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.D.5.B
 - i. Change longbow (including compound and crossbow) to bow.
 1. Wording clarification.
 - ii. Change wording to prohibit take of squirrel and rabbit with centerfire.
 1. Prevents use of centerfires for take of squirrel and rabbit.
 - iii. Change wording from primitive to muzzleloading firearm for take of squirrel and rabbit.
 1. Primitive gear smaller than .36 caliber includes calibers such as .35 Whelen. Prevents use of such for take of squirrel and rabbit, and prevents hunters from carrying such during small game season, especially on WMAs.
 - iv. Delete restriction on possession of shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel while small game hunting.
 1. Will allow for the possession of such on private lands. Intent is to allow private lands hunters to be able to take hogs with such while small game hunting. There is a restriction in place to prohibit such on WMAs.
- d. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.D.5.B
 - i. Delete "where legal" from wording.
 1. This is legal statewide. Should have been removed previously when legislation overriding parish stock laws was passed.
- e. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.D.9
 - i. Add LDWF Enforcement to contact requirement for nighttime take.
- f. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.E.2 and 3
 - i. Wording clarification for KNF and addition of Indian Bayou Area for bag limit exception.
 - ii. Delete areas specified.
 1. Specific areas not necessary because it is listed in the deer hunting schedule.
- g. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.E.2 and 3
 - i. Spelling correction.
- h. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.E.11
 - i. Change "segment" to "season"
 1. Consistency in wording.
 - ii. Delete statement on special license and firearms specifications for public lands.
 1. Unnecessary and not applicable wording.
- i. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.E.11.a
 - i. Delete "primitive" and "special".
 1. Wording clarification.
 - ii. Delete "or cap and ball cylinder"
 1. Unnecessary and not applicable wording.
 - iii. Add "shot"
 1. Allows use of muzzleloading shotguns for primitive hunting. No reason to restrict.
 - iv. Delete "This includes muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders".
 1. Outdated and not applicable.
- j. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.E.11.b
 - i. Delete ".38"

1. Error deletion.
- k. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.E.11.d
 - i. Delete "Special"
 1. Consistency in wording.
- l. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.E.12
 - i. Change "segment" to "season".
 1. Consistency in wording.
 - ii. Delete "Consult regulation pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below."
 1. Unnecessary wording.
- m. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.E.12.a
 - i. Change "longbow" to "traditional bow".
 1. Wording clarification.
- n. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.E.14
 - i. Delete "special". Move either sex to end of heading.
 1. Wording consistency and clarification.
- o. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.F.2.a.ii
 - i. Delete KNF, Evangeline and Calcasieu Ranger Districts from exception.
 1. Not necessary. All of KNF is still hunting only anyway.
- p. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.F.6.b.iii
 - i. Addition of a portion of Iberville Parish to Area 6.
 1. At request of deer program.
- q. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.F.7.a.ii
 - i. Modification to St. Mary Parish Boundary in Area 7.
 1. At request of hunters in this area, LDWF enforcement, and the deer program. The prior boundary is not definable and identifiable in the field, and change was requested to have a more definable boundary.
- r. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.F.9.b.ii
 - i. Modification of a portion of Iberville Parish in Area 9 to coincide with addition in Area 6.
 1. At request of deer program.
- s. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.F.9.b.vi
 - i. Modification to St. Mary Parish Boundary in Area 9 to coincide with modification of Area 7.
 1. At request of hunters in this area, LDWF enforcement, and the deer program. The prior boundary is not definable and identifiable in the field, and change was requested to have a more definable boundary.
- t. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.F.9.c.i
 - i. Addition of a portion of Iberville Parish to still hunting only in Area 9.
 1. At request of LDWF enforcement and deer program.
- u. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.G.4.e
 - i. Add "primitive".
 1. Wording clarification.
- v. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.G.4.g
 - i. Prohibit discharging of firearms across roads and trails during deer firearms seasons.
 1. Safety concerns.
 - ii. Prohibit discharging of firearms on nature and hiking trails during deer firearms seasons.

- 1. Safety concerns.
- iii. Change “muzzleloader” to “primitive firearms”.
 - 1. Wording clarification.
- w. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.G.5.c
 - i. Add definition of bait.
 - 1. Requested by LDWF enforcement.
- x. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.G.5.d
 - i. Make restrictions on skinning and processing of deer in the field on WMAs applicable only during Mandatory Deer Check hunts.
 - 1. Removes an unnecessary burden on hunters who may want to process a deer and remain on a WMA to hunt later. Ensures that all deer remain intact during Mandatory Deer Check hunts.
- y. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.G.5.f
 - i. Remove “portable” from deer stand restriction.
 - 1. Several instances have arisen in the last year with individuals transporting stands onto WMAs that require more than 1 person to move. They are not abiding by removal from trees and stand tagging requirements under the guise that the regulations specify “portable” stands, or “those that area designed to be routinely carried by one person.” Removing this wording will make this restriction applicable to all stands on WMAs.
- z. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.G.5.g
 - i. Add Sandy Hollow to PCHP list.
 - 1. Wording clarification.
- aa. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.G.5.h
 - i. Clarify wording to prohibit hunting from any structures on ROWs.
 - 1. Requested by LDWF enforcement.
- bb. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.G.6.a and b
 - i. Move wording from general camping section to houseboat section.
 - 1. Wording clarification.
- cc. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.G.9.a
 - i. Change ATV tire restrictions to be consistent with UTV tire restrictions.
 - 1. Requested by WMA staff to provide consistency and ease of understanding for WMA users.
- dd. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.G.15
 - i. Prohibit take of hogs during nighttime raccoon season on WMAs.
 - 1. Requested by WMA staff and LDWF Enforcement to prohibit nighttime hog hunting on WMAs.
- ee. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.G.17.m
 - i. Allow deer hunting all day rather than until 12 noon on Lake Boeuf WMA.
 - 1. Additional opportunity.
- ff. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.G.17.w
 - i. Change Red River to Richard K. Yancey
 - ii. Expand recreational crawfishing from Yakey tract only, to entire area West of the MS River Levee.
 - 1. Additional opportunity.
- gg. 76:XIX.Chapter1.111.G.17.w
 - i. Close fishing on Soda Lake West of 12 Mile Bayou from Oct. 1 through March 31.
 - 1. To make consistent with fishing regulations.

4) Resident Game Hunting Season

- a. 76:XIX.Chapter1.101.C
 - i. Change Area 7 Dates for 2014-2015 season to include 2nd Sat. of Nov. through Sun. after Thanksgiving.
 - 1. Dates were mistakenly left out last year. These dates were added this season through DE via the commission. This will include the dates that were left out.
- b. 76:XIX.Chapter1.101.E
 - i. Change Area 7 Dates for 2015-2016 season to include 2nd Sat. of Nov. through Sun. after Thanksgiving.
 - 1. Dates were mistakenly left out last year. These dates were added this season through DE via the commission. This will include the dates that were left out.

5) Turkey

- a. 76.XIX.Chapter1.113.F.1.b.xxi
 - i. Modification to Ouachita Parish Boundary in Area A.
 - 1. Requested by turkey program.
- b. 76.XIX.Chapter1.115.J.1
 - i. Implementation of Self Clearing Permit Requirement for turkey hunting on KNF Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves.
 - 1. Requested by KNF.

6) Bird Dog Training Areas (BDTAs)

- a. 76.V.Chapter3.321.C
 - i. Change permitting requirement for BDTAs from applications process to self-clearing permitting process.
 - 1. Removes burdensome permit process, making it more convenient for WMA users.
 - ii. Eliminate requirement for BDTA permittees to band birds.
 - 1. Removes burden for users, making use more convenient.

There were no comments or questions heard. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Drost. Chairman Graham called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of this Notice of Intent is made a part of the record)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations (LAC 76:XIX.111), Resident Game Hunting Season (LAC 76:XIX.101 and 103), General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations (LAC 76:XIX.113), Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits (LAC 76:XIX.115), Bird Dog Training Areas (LAC 76:V.321)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the 2014-2015 season, the resident game hunting season for the 2014-2016 hunting seasons, the general and wildlife management area rules and regulations for the 2015 turkey season, the turkey hunting areas, seasons, and bag limits for the 2015 turkey season, and regulations for bird dog training areas.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and 116 of Title 56 of the *Louisiana Revised Statutes* of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild

quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the LDWF a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to Turkey Regulations.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle or shotgun during daylight hours. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is two per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the

holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally by licensed hunters from September 1 through the last day of February, during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with a daily limit of five. Except nutria may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador/Timken, Pointe Aux Chenes and Pass a Loutre WMAs from September 1 to March 31. When taken with a shotgun, steel shot must be used. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with shot no larger than F steel, and during gun deer seasons, anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" and wear a "hunter orange" cap or hat. Recreational nutria hunters must remove each nutria carcass in whole condition from the hunting area, except that nutria may be gutted. Possession of detached nutria parts, including nutria tails, by recreational hunters is illegal. Nutria harvested recreationally may not be pelted nor may such nutria or any nutria parts from recreationally taken nutria be sold, including the tail. Trespassing upon private property for the purpose of taking nutria or other furbearing animals is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265). The Coastwide Nutria Control Program is a separate program and is in no way related

to the nutria recreational season. For questions on the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, call the New Iberia office (337) 373-0032.

4. Blackbirds and Crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 1 with no limit; however crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard. Louisiana has determined that the birds listed above are crop depredators and that crows have been implicated in the spread of the West Nile virus in humans. As described in 50 CFR Part 21, non-toxic shot must be used for the take of crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles under the special depredation order. In addition an annual report has to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for those that participate in the take of these species.

5. Pheasant. Open concurrently with the quail season; no limit.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species may be taken except turkeys. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter in order to harvest an antlerless deer. The tag shall be attached through the hock in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with approved archery equipment or primitive firearms). Antlerless deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. DMAP participants must follow the deer season schedule established for their respective areas.

9. Farm Raised White-Tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

Exotics—for purposes of this Section means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall

include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting—in its different tenses and for purposes of this Section means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside—for purposes of this Section means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Supplemented Hunting Preserve—for purposes of this Section means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the LDWF and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-Tailed Deer—For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species *Odocoileus virginianus* which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-Tailed Deer: consult the regulations pamphlet.

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-Tailed Deer: same as outside.

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow and crossbow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only and other approved primitive firearms.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-Tailed Deer: same as outside.

ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-Tailed Deer: same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-Tailed Deer: same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-Tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a

tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

10. Bobcat. No person other than the holder of a valid big game license may take or possess bobcat, except licensed trappers who may take or possess bobcat during the open trapping season. A big game licensee shall only take bobcat during the time period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset with approved archery equipment, shotgun, muzzleloader or centerfire firearm. A big game licensee shall not take more than one bobcat per calendar year. This regulation applies only to property that is privately owned, state WMAs, Kisatchie National Forest, and the Bayou des Ourses, Bodcau, Bonnet Carre, and Indian Bayou tracts owned by the Corps of Engineers, but does not apply to state wildlife refuges, or other federally owned refuges and lands. On state WMAs, the take of bobcat is restricted to those open seasons on the WMAs which require the respective legal weapons noted above.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. No person born on or after September 1, 1969, shall hunt unless that person has first been issued a certificate of

satisfactory completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department, except any active or veteran member of the United States armed services or any POST-certified law enforcement officer. Application for the exemption shall be filed in person at the LDWF main office building in the city of Baton Rouge. A person under sixteen years of age may hunt without such certificate if he/she is accompanied by and is under the direct supervision of a person who was born before September 1, 1969, and has a valid hunting license or who is eighteen years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer. A separate wild turkey license is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of Taking Resident Game Birds and Quadrupeds

a. It is illegal to intentionally feed, deposit, place, distribute, expose, scatter, or cause to be fed, deposited,

placed, distributed, exposed, or scattered raw sweet potatoes to wild game quadrupeds.

b. Use of a bow and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than .22 caliber , any centerfire firearm, or a muzzleloading firearm larger than .36 caliber. It shall be legal to hunt or take squirrels, rabbits, and outlaw quadrupeds with air rifles. c. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

d. No person shall take or kill any game bird or wild quadruped with a firearm fitted with any device to deaden or silence the sound of the discharge thereof; or fitted with an

infrared sight, laser sight, or except as provided in R.S. 56:116(A)(8) any sighting device which projects a beam of light to the target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target, or device specifically designed to enhance vision at night [R.S. 56:116.1.B(3)].

6. Nuisance Animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means except that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the LDWF, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. For specific details contact a region office near you. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found destroying commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the LDWF. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local region office for details.

7. Threatened and Endangered Species: Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Outlaw Quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, feral hogs , and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to chase only when using dogs during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only seasons for deer. Foxes are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only with traps by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" allowed by licensed hunters.

9. Nighttime take of nuisance animals and outlaw quadrupeds. On private property, the landowner, or his lessee or agent with written permission and the landowner's contact information in his possession, may take outlaw quadrupeds (coyotes, armadillos and feral hogs), nutria, or beaver during the nighttime hours

from one-half hour after official sunset on the last day of February to one-half hour after official sunset the last day of August of that same year. Such taking may be with or without the aid of artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. In addition, pursuant to R.S. 56:116(D)(3) any person who is authorized to possess a firearm suppressor may use a firearm fitted with a sound suppressor when taking outlaw quadrupeds, nutria, or beaver. Any person attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of the paragraph, within 24 hours prior to the attempted taking, shall notify the sheriff of the parish in which the property is located, and the LDWF Enforcement Division by calling 1-800-442-2511 of their intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provision of this paragraph.

10. Hunting and/or Discharging Firearms on Public Roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds while on a public road or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and public road rights-of-way is prohibited 11. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and

big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with approved archery and primitive firearms, and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

12. Sex Identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head or sex organs, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the state of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. Prior to hunting deer, all deer hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain deer tags and have in possession when hunting deer. Immediately upon harvesting a deer, the

hunter must tag the deer with the appropriate carcass tag and document the kill on the deer tag license. Within seven days the hunter must validate the kill. Hunters harvesting deer on DMAP lands can validate deer per instructions by LDWF using the DMAP harvest data sheets. Hunters on WMAS can validate deer during mandatory deer check hunts, when deer check stations are in operation. Hunters may validate deer by calling the validation toll free number or using the validation web site.

2. 2014-2015 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest , Indian Bayou Area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some Federal Refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Season limit is six, not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer (all segments included) by all methods of take, except antlerless harvest on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. Consult deer hunting schedule in the regulations pamphlet for either-sex days for these parishes and areas. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, National Forest Lands, and Federal Refuges) which will have specified either-sex days.

3. 2015-2016 Season. One antlered and one antlerless deer per day (when legal) except on Kisatchie National Forest, Indian Bayou Area owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and some Federal Refuges (check refuge regulations) where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Season limit is six, not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer (all segments included) by all methods of take, except antlerless harvest on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. Antlerless deer may be harvested during entire deer season on private lands (all seasons included) except as specified in deer hunting schedule. Consult deer hunting schedule in the regulations pamphlet for either-sex days for these parishes and areas. This does not apply to public lands (WMAs, National Forest Lands, and Federal Refuges) which will have specified either-sex days.

4. A legal antlered deer is a deer with at least one visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin, except on Alexander State Forest WMA, Bayou Macon WMA, Big Lake WMA, Bodcau WMA, Boeuf WMA, Buckhorn WMA, Dewey Wills WMA, Jackson-Bienville WMA, Loggy Bayou WMA, Ouachita WMA, Pearl River WMA, Pomme de Terre WMA, Red River WMA, Russell Sage WMA, Sicily Island Hills WMA, Spring Bayou WMA, Three Rivers WMA and Union WMA during the Experimental Quality Deer Season (See the specific WMA schedule for more information). A legal antlered

deer during the Experimental Quality Deer Season shall be defined as a deer with at least four points on one side. To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point. Killing antlerless deer is prohibited except where specifically allowed.

5. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

6. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

7. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

8. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. A leashed dog may

be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

9. It is illegal to take deer while deer are swimming or while the hunter is in a boat with motor attached in operating position; however the restriction in this paragraph shall not apply to any person who has lost one or more limbs.

10. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

11. Primitive Firearms Season: Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Primitive firearms license is required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas except as specified on public areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, other than a primitive firearm, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special primitive firearms segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Firearms For Primitive Firearms Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle , use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball, shot, or bullet projectile only, including sabotated bullets, and may be fitted with magnified scopes. b. Single shot, breech loading rifles, .35 caliber or larger, having an exposed hammer, that use metallic cartridges loaded either with black powder or modern smokeless powder, and may be fitted with magnified scopes.

c. Single shot, breech loading shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, having an exposed hammer, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug.

d. Youth Deer Season on Private Land (either-sex): youths 17 or younger may hunt deer with any legal weapon during the Primitive Firearms Season in each deer hunting area.

12. Archery Season: . Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting except when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, and except in Area 6 from October 1-15. Archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season except when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted

on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Lake Boeuf, and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs (see schedule).

a. Bow and Arrow Regulations: Traditional bow, compound bow and crossbow or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means will be a legal means of take for all properly licensed hunters. Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened broadhead points. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and may not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season except it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only;

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow or arrows with explosive tips;

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds;

(d). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared, laser sight, electrically-operated sight or device specifically designed to enhance vision at night (does not include non-projecting red dot sights) [R.S. 56:116.1.B.(4)].

13. Hunter Orange. Any person hunting any wildlife during the open gun deer hunting season and possessing buckshot, slugs, a primitive firearm, or a centerfire rifle shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "hunter orange". Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a hunter orange cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. Warning: deer hunters are cautioned to watch for persons hunting other game or engaged in activities not requiring "hunter orange".

14. Physically Challenged Season on Private Lands (Either-Sex): 1st Saturday of October for 2 days. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

15. Youth Season on Private Lands (Either-Sex). Areas 1, 4, 5, 6 and 9 - last Saturday of October for 7 days; Area 2 - 2nd Saturday of October for 7 days; and Areas 3, 7, 8 and 10 - 4th

Saturday of September for 7 days. Youths 17 or younger only. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. Except properly licensed youths 16-17 years old and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. In addition,

F. Description of Areas, 2013-2015

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland, Tensas.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Catahoula—east of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, east of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 southwesterly to Parish line.

ii. Grant—east of US 165 and south of LA 8.

iii. LaSalle—south of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, east of US 84 northward to LA 8, south of LA 8 eastward to Parish line.

iv. Ouachita—south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake.

v. Rapides—east of US 165 and north of Red River.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Catahoula—south of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, west of LA 8 to LA 913, west of LA 913 and LA 15 to Deer Creek.

ii. East Carroll—all.

iii. Franklin—all.

iv. Morehouse—east of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, east of LA 139 at Bastrop to junction of LA 593, east and north of LA 593 to Collinston, east of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and south of LA 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

v. Ouachita—south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake.

vi. Richland—all.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Union, Webster, Winn;

ii. except: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, except still hunting only for deer .

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen—north of US 190 from parish line westward to Kinder, east of US 165 from Kinder northward to LA 10 at Oakdale, north of LA 10 from Oakdale westward to the parish line;

ii. Avoyelles—that portion west of I-49;

iii. Catahoula—west of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, west of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to LA 8, north and west of LA 8 southwesterly to Parish line;

iv. Evangeline—all except the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte;

v. Grant—all except that portion south of LA 8 and east of US 165;

vi. Jefferson Davis—north of US 190;

vii. LaSalle—north of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake, following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, west of US 84 northward to LA 8, north of LA 8 eastward to Parish line;

viii. Morehouse—west of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, west of LA 139 to junction of LA 593, west and south of LA 593 to Collinston, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and north of LA 134 to Ouachita Parish line at Wham Brake;

ix. Ouachita—all except south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse Parish line at Wham Brake;

x. Rapides—all except north of Red River and east of US 165, south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill, and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between

Red River and US 167 to junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

xi. Vernon—north of LA 10 from the parish line westward to LA 113, south of LA 113 eastward to parish line. Also the portion north of LA 465 west of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville and north of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster—Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations);

ii. Ouachita—east of Ouachita River;

iii. Rapides—west of US 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to US 165, east of US 165 northward to US 167 at Alexandria. North of LA 465 from Vernon Parish line to LA 121, west of LA 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 to LA 118 (Mora Road), south and west of LA 118 to Natchitoches Parish line;

iv. Vernon—east of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to LA 465, east and north of LA 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Acadia—north of I-10;

ii. Allen—south of US 190 and west of LA 113;

iii. Beauregard—west of LA 113 and east of LA 27 from the parish line northward to DeRidder and north of US 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iv. Calcasieu—east of LA 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line, and north of I-10;

v. Jefferson Davis—north of I-10 and south of US 190;

vi. Lafayette—west of I-49 and north of I-10.

vii. Rapides—south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry—west of US 167.

ix. Vernon—west and north of LA 113, south of LA 465, east of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

4. Area 4

a. All of St. Helena and Washington Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. East Baton Rouge—all except that portion north of I-110 and west of US 61;

ii. East Feliciana—east of US 61;

iii. West Feliciana—east of US 61;

iv. Livingston—north of I-12;

v. Tangipahoa—north of I-12;

vi. St. Tammany—all except that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge—east of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to LA 10, north of LA 10 from Thompson Creek to LA 67 at Clinton, west of LA 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line, south of Mississippi state line from LA 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of LA 67 from LA 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from LA 64 eastward to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to LA 64, north of LA 64 to LA 37 at Magnolia, east of LA 37 northward to LA 64 at Indian Mound, north of LA 64 from Indian Mound to LA 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of LA 67 from parish line north to LA 959, south of LA 959 east to LA 63, west of LA 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to LA 67;

ii. St. Helena—north of LA 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to LA 449, east and south of LA 449 from LA 16 at Pine Grove northward to Rohner Road, south of Rohner Road to LA 1045, south of LA 1045 to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from LA 1045 southward to LA 16 at Montpelier;

iii. Tangipahoa—that portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of LA 10 from the Tchefuncte River to LA 1061 at Wilmer, east of LA 1061 to LA 440 at Bolivar, south of LA 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from LA 440 southward to LA 10;

iv. Washington and St. Tammany—east of LA 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from LA 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to LA 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of LA 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line,

north of the St. Tammany Parish line to the Tangipahoa Parish line, east of the Tangipahoa Parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with LA 25;

v. West Feliciana—west of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

6. Area 6

a. All of Point Coupee Parish is open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles—all except that portion west of I-49;

ii. Evangeline—that portion east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte;

iii. Iberville—All north of I-10, and that portion south of I-10 at the Atchafalaya Basin protection levee south to Upper Grand River, then north of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal at Jack Miller, then west of the

Intracoastal Canal northward to Bayou Plaquemine, then north of Bayou Plaquemine to the Mississippi River.

iv. Lafayette—north of I-10 and east of I-49;

v. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

vi. St. Landry—east of US 167;

vii. St. Martin—north of I-10;

viii. East Baton Rouge—north of I-110 and west of US 61;

ix.. West Feliciana—west of US 61;

x. East Feliciana—west of US 61;

xi. West Baton Rouge—north I-10.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles—north of LA 1 from Simmesport westward to LA 115 at Marksville, east of LA 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to LA 1 at Simmesport;

ii. Rapides—south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line;

iii. West Feliciana—west of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish

Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

7. Area 7

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia—south of LA 14 and west of US 90.

ii. St. Mary—all except that portion north of US 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River.

8. Area 8

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Allen—that portion east of LA 113 from the parish line to US 190, north of US 190 eastward to Kinder, west of US 165 northward to LA 10 at Oakdale and south of LA 10 from Oakdale westward to parish line;

ii. Beauregard—that portion east of LA 113. Also that portion west of LA 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of US 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iii. Calcasieu—that portion west of LA 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of I-10 from Sulphur to the Texas state line;

iv. Vernon—that portion west of LA 113 from the parish line northward to Pitkin and south of LA 10 from Pitkin southward to the parish line.

9. Area 9

a. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, Terrebonne

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia—east of US 90;

ii. Iberville—south of I-10, and west of the Atchafalaya Basin Protection levee, to Upper Grand River, then South of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal at Jack Miller, then east of the Intracoastal Canal to Bayou Plaquemines, then south of Bayou Plaquemines to the Mississippi River;

iii. Lafayette—south of I-10 and east of US 90;

iv. Livingston—south of I-12;

v. St. Martin—south of I-10.

vi. St. Mary—north of US 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River;

vii. St. Tammany—that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain;

viii. Tangipahoa—south of I-12;

ix. High Water Benchmark Closure. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberia, Iberville, St. Martin, and St. Mary parishes south of I-10, west of the East Guide Levee, east of the West Guide Levee, and north of US 90 will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet at Butte LaRose.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Iberville—east of the Mississippi River;

ii. Plaquemines—east of the Mississippi River;

iii. St. Bernard—all of the parish shall be still hunting only except that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre;

iv. St. John—south of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to US 51, east of US 51 from Pass Manchac to LA 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of LA 638 from US 51 to Lake Pontchartrain, west of Lake Pontchartrain from LA 638 to Pass Manchac.

10. Area 10

- a. All of Cameron and Vermillion Parishes are open.
- b. Portions of the following parishes are open:
 - i. Acadia—south of I-10;
 - ii. Calcasieu—south of I-10;
 - iii. Iberia—west of US 90 and north of LA 14;
 - iv. Jefferson Davis—south of I-10;
 - v. Lafayette—south of I-10 and west of Hwy 90.

G. WMA Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. WMA seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the LDWF Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates and hunting regulations applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF region office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (including but not limited acorn and pecans), wild plants, non-game wildlife (including reptiles and amphibians) or any species of butterflies, skippers or moths is prohibited without a permit from the LDWF. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to 5 gallons per person per day.

i. Burning of marshes is prohibited. Hunting actively burning marsh prohibited.

j. Nature trails. Trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

k. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

l. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations may include both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

m. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, except that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and state seed grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

n. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

2. Permits

a. A WMA Hunting Permit is required for persons ages 18 through 59 to hunt on WMAs.

b. Self-Clearing Permits. A Self-Clearing Permit is required for all activities (hunting, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The Self-Clearing Permit will consist of two portions: check in, check

out. On WMAs where self-clearing permits are required, all persons must obtain a WMA self-clearing permit from an information station. The check in portion must be completed and put in a permit box before each day's activity on the day of the activity (except if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted or if camping on the WMA, users need only to check in once during any 72 hour period). Users may check-in one day in advance of use. The check out portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and must be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted or if camping on the WMA. No permit is required of fishers and boaters who do not travel on a WMA road and/or launch on the WMA as long as they do not get out of the boat and onto the WMA. When mandatory deer checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. (Self-clearing permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.)

c. Persons using WMAs or other LDWF administered lands for any purpose must possess one of the following: a valid wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement. Also a Self-

Clearing WMA permit, detailed above, may be required (available at most entrances to each WMA). Check individual WMA listings for exceptions.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth Deer Hunt. Youths 17 or younger only. Youths must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Contact the appropriate region office for maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts.

NOTE: Some hunts may be by pre-application lottery.

b. Youth Squirrel Hunt (on selected WMAs only). Only youths 17 or younger may hunt. Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, hogs and

opossum may be taken. No dogs allowed. All other seasons will remain open to other hunters. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Self-clearing permits are required. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth squirrel hunts.

c. Youth Mourning Dove Hunt. A youth mourning dove hunt will be conducted on specific WMAs and will follow the same regulations provided for youth deer hunts on the first or second weekend of the mourning dove season (Saturday and/or Sunday only). Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth mourning dove hunts.

d. Physically Challenged Season. An either-sex deer season will be held for hunters possessing a physically challenged hunter permit on WMAs during the dates specified under the

individual WMA. Participants must possess a physically challenged hunter permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering physically challenged seasons.

e. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at self-clearing station. Contact region offices for more details. Consult separate turkey hunting regulations pamphlet for more details.

f. Waterfowl Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadline. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division Office for more details.

g. Mourning Dove Lottery Hunts. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division Office for more details.

h. Trapping. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress.

i. Raccoon Hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs.

Nighttime Experimental—all nighttime raccoon hunting where allowed is with dogs only. There is no bag limit. Self-clearing permit required.

j. Sport Fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are allowed on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations except as otherwise specified under individual WMA listings.

k. Small Game Emphasis Areas: Specially designated areas on certain WMAs will allow small game hunting with dogs, confined to that specific area when the remainder of the WMA is restricted to still hunt only. Additionally, off season training of rabbit dogs may be allowed on some the Small Game Emphasis Areas. Small Game Emphasis Areas are offered on Big Colewa Bayou, Bayou Macon, Bayou Pierre, Boeuf, Dewey W. Wills, Marsh Bayou, Ouachita, Richard K. Yancey, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, and Walnut Hill WMAs.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms and crossbows cocked in the ready position are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs, ATCs or in camping areas

on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas and except as may be permitted for authorized trappers.

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons except on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping and except as allowed pursuant to R.S. 56:109.C and R.S. 56:1691. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs except during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing. Active and retired law enforcement officers in compliance with POST requirements, Federal Law Enforcement Officers and holders of Louisiana concealed handgun permits or permit holders from a reciprocal state who are in compliance with all other state and federal firearms regulations may possess firearms on WMAs provided these firearms are not used for any hunting purpose.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under WMA listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA except during modern and primitive firearm deer seasons and during special shotgun season

for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs (consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMA regulations).

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or across, or hunting from designated roads, ATV/UTV trails, nature trails, hiking trails, and their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearms and primitive firearms deer seasons.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drives and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On WMAs the daily limit shall be one antlered deer and one antlerless deer (when legal) per day, not to exceed three antlered deer or four antlerless deer per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting, or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs . Bait is defined as any substance used to attract game via ingestion.

d. During Mandatory Deer Check hunts, deer may not be skinned nor have any external body parts removed including but not limited to feet, legs, tail, head or ears before being checked out.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. Natural vegetation (including any material used as corner posts) is defined as natural branches that are 2 inches or less in diameter. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily. Permanent tree stands are any stands that use nails, screws, spikes, etc., to attach to trees and are strictly prohibited. Deer stands may not be left on WMAs unless the stands are removed from trees, placed flat on the ground, and left in a non-hunting position (a non-hunting position is one in which a hunter could not hunt from the stand in its present position). Also, all stands left must be legibly tagged with the user's name, address, phone number and LDWF i.d. number. No stand may be left on any WMA prior to the day before deer season

opens on that WMA and all stands must be removed from the WMA within one day after the close of deer or hog hunting on that WMA. Free standing blinds must be disassembled when not in use. Stands left will not reserve hunting sites for the owner or user. All portable stands, blinds, tripods, etc., found unattended in a hunting position, not placed flat on the ground, or untagged will be confiscated and disposed of by the LDWF. LDWF is not responsible for unattended stands left on an area.

g. Physically Challenged Wheelchair Confined Deer and Waterfowl Hunting Areas: Special deer and waterfowl hunting areas, blinds and stands identified with LDWF logos, have been established for physically challenged hunter permit (PCHP) wheelchair confined hunters on WMAs. Hunters must obtain a PCHP permit and are required to make reservations to use blinds and stands. PCHP wheelchair hunting areas are available on Alexander State Forest, Big Colewa Bayou, Buckhorn, Clear Creek, Elbow Slough, Floy McElroy, Jackson-Bienville, Ouachita, Sandy Hollow, and Sherburne WMAs. Check WMA hunting schedules or call the LDWF Field Offices in Pineville, Lake Charles, Opelousas, Minden, Monroe or Hammond for information.

h. Hunting from utility poles and structures, and oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the LDWF and disposed of by the LDWF. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

m. Horses and mules may be ridden on WMAs except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails depicted on WMA map, self-clearing permit is required. Organized trail rides prohibited except allowed by permit only on Camp Beauregard. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited except for quail hunting or as otherwise specified. Horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.

n. All hunters (including archers and small game hunters) except waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" and wear a "hunter orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Quail and woodcock hunters and hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit, squirrel and feral hogs are required to wear a minimum

of a "hunter orange" cap. All other hunters and archers (while on the ground) except waterfowl hunters also must wear a minimum of a "hunter orange" cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel and feral hogs. Also all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "hunter orange". Hunters participating in special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs must display 400 square inches of hunter orange and wear a "hunter orange" cap.

o. Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches of "hunter orange" above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

p. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either-sex deer except as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or physically challenged hunts are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

q. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season except when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

r. Primitive Firearms season for deer. Either-sex unless otherwise specified. See WMA deer schedule. Except youths 17 or younger may use any legal weapon during the primitive firearm season.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed 16 consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to LDWF-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA houseboats may be moored by permit only in designated areas during hunting season. Permits are available by lottery annually or by 3 year lease through a bid program. c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by state and federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer, or other unit (other than a

houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area unless otherwise specified.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Trash must be contained at all times while camping.

h. No burning trash.

i. Glass containers prohibited on campgrounds.

j. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

k. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. For your safety, all oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas, refuges, or limited use areas unless otherwise specified.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, except for bird hunting and duck hunting, is experimental as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited except for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting, hog hunting and bird dog training when allowed; see individual WMA season listings for WMAs that allow dogs. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons. A leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person

accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 26 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. Use of all other ATVs or ATV tires are prohibited on a WMA.

b. Utility Type Vehicle (UTV, also utility terrain vehicle) is defined as any recreational motor vehicle other than an ATV, not legal for highway use, designed for and capable of travel over designated unpaved roads, traveling on four or more low-pressure tires, with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-1900 pounds, length-128" and width-68". UTV tires are restricted to those no larger than 26 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. UTV's are commonly referred to as side by sides and may include golf carts.

c. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination radius of 17 inches or more measured from the center of the hub and horizontal to ground are prohibited.

d. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within WMAs due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

e. Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

f. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft, "mud crawling vessels" (commonly referred to as crawfish combines which use paddle wheels for locomotion) and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexander State Forest WMA. Except, Type A personal water craft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are eight feet in length and greater, may be operated in the areas of Catahoula Lake, Manchac WMA, Maurepas Swamp WMA, Pearl River WMA and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day weekend, from sunrise to sunset only. No person shall operate such water craft at a speed greater than slow/no wake within 100 feet of an

anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel.

g. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

h. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

i. Licensed motorized vehicles (LMVs) legal for highway use, including motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads as indicated on WMA maps. UTVs are restricted to marked UTV trails only. ATVs are restricted to marked ATV trails only, except when WMA roads are closed to LMVs, ATVs may then use those roads when allowed. WMA maps are available at all LDWF Field offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

NOTE: Only ATV and UTV trails marked with signs and/or paint, and depicted on WMA maps are open for use.

j. Use of special ATV trails for physically challenged persons is restricted to ATV physically challenged permittees. Physically challenged ATV permittees are restricted to physically challenged ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps or as marked by sign and/or paint. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special physically challenged trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Physically challenged persons under the

age of 60 must apply for and obtain a physically challenged hunter program permit from the LDWF.

k. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to physically challenged-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Entrances to ATV trails that are open all year long will be marked with purple paint. The end of all ATV trails will be marked by red paint. WMA maps serve only as a general guide to the route of most ATV trails, therefore all signage and paint marking as previously described will be used to determine compliance. Deviation from this will constitute a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

l. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition, construction or wet weather.

m. ATVs, and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs except on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 4:00 AM, EXCEPT raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only. ATVs are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 except squirrel hunters are allowed to use ATV trails during the spring squirrel season on the WMA and except certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes and some ATV trails will be open all year long on certain WMAs.

n. Caution: Many LDWF-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is

recommended for all land vehicles using these roads, unless specific signage otherwise allows or restricts.

o. Hunters are allowed to retrieve their own downed deer and hogs with the aid of an ATV except on Thistlethwaite, Sherburne, Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador, Timken, Lake Bouef, and Biloxi WMAs under the following conditions:

i. no firearms or archery equipment is in possession of the retrieval party or on the ATV;

ii. the retrieval party may consist of no more than one ATV and one helper;

iii. ATVs may not be used to locate or search for wounded game or for any other purpose than retrieval of deer and hogs once they have been legally harvested and located;

iv. UTV's may not be used to retrieve downed deer or hogs.

10. Commercial Activities

a. Hunting Guides/Outfitters: No person or group may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any WMA, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

b. Except for licensed activities otherwise allowed by law, commercial activities are prohibited without a permit issued by the Secretary of the LDWF.

c. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Gill nets or trammel nets and the take or possession of grass carp are prohibited on Spring Bayou WMA. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of LA 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Richard K. Yancey WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs except commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

11. WMAs Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

12. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Same as outside except closed during modern firearm either-sex deer seasons on certain WMAs (See WMA schedule) and except non-toxic shot must be used for rail, snipe, and gallinule. Consult regulations pamphlet. Unless otherwise specified under a specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited. Spring squirrel season with or without dogs: 1st Saturday of May for 9 days. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMAs.

13. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet. Hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited on all WMAs except for Atchafalaya Delta, Attakapas, Biloxi, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, and Salvador/Timken WMAs. Consult specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs.

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Feral hogs may be taken during any open hunting season on WMAs by properly licensed and/or permitted hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress, except take of hogs is prohibited during nighttime raccoon seasons. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs,

except feral hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during the month of February on Attakapas, Bodcau, Boeuf, Clear Creek, Dewey Wills, Jackson-Bienville, Little River, Pass a Loutre, Pearl River, Richard K. Yancey, Sabine, Sabine Island, and West Bay WMAs by self-clearing permit. All hogs must be killed immediately and may not be transported live under any conditions, except as allowed by permit from either the Minden, Lake Charles, Monroe, Pineville, Hammond or Opelousas offices, and hunters may use centerfire pistols in addition to using guns allowed for season in progress. Additionally, feral hogs may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs from February 16 through March 31 with shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber. Additional requirements may be specified under individual WMAs, see regulation pamphlet.

a. Experimental trapping of feral hogs may be allowed by permit only on Boeuf, Clear Creek, Jackson-Bienville, Manchac, Pearl River, Richard K. Yancey, Sherburne, Thistlethwaite, and West Bay WMAs. No live take will be allowed. Permit available through pre-application lottery. .

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet. During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, except the turkey and spring squirrel seasons, take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds, with or without the use of electronic calls, is allowed by

properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA. However, crows, blackbirds, grackles and cowbirds may not be taken before September 1 or after January 1. As described in 50 CFR Part 21, non-toxic shot must be used for the take of crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles under the special depredation order. In addition an annual report has to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for those that participate in the take of these species.

17. WMAs Hunting Schedule and Regulations

a. Alexander State Forest. From December through February all hunters must check daily with the Office of Forestry for scheduled burning activity. No hunting or other activity will be permitted in burn units the day of the burning. Call 318-487-5172 or 318-487-5058 for information on burning schedules. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires except in recreation areas.

b. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of LDWF. All Terrain vehicles, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited except as permitted for authorized WMA trappers. Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. Limited access

area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.

c. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

d. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.

e. Biloxi. All All Terrain Vehicles ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited. Mud Boats or air-cooled propulsion vessels powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. All ATVs, UTVs, and motorcycles are prohibited.

f. Bodcau-Towable Watersports not allowed in Ivan Lake.

g. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the LDWF Field Office for specific details. No hunting in restricted areas.

h. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

i. Elbow Slough. Non-toxic shot (minimum size #6) only for all hunting. All motorized vehicles prohibited.

j. Elm Hall. No ATVs or UTVs allowed.

k. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. New special regulations apply to ATV users.

l. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted except on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday

and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Field Office. No hunting in restricted area.

m. Joyce. Swamp Walk: No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways.

n. Lake Boeuf. Hunting allowed until 12:00 noon on all game, except deer may be hunted until one-half hour after sunset. All nighttime activities prohibited. All Terrain vehicles, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited.

o. Lake Ramsay. Foot traffic only—all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

p. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

q. Maurepas Swamp. No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of Nature Trail.

r. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of LA 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping and ATV/UTV use during duck season including early teal season, except hunting allowed during Waterfowl Falconry Season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

s. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-

Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the LDWF Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. All ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion engines powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.

t. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting except waterfowl will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open Friday, Saturday and Sunday with a fee. Type A personal water craft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are eight feet in length and greater, may be operated in the areas of Pearl River Wildlife Management Area, south of U.S. 90 from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day Weekend, from sunrise to sunset only. No person shall operate such water craft at a speed greater than slow/no wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline,

dock, pier, persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

u. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

v. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on all game, except for mourning dove hunting and youth lottery deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. All castnet contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational

purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. All boats powered by engines having total horsepower above 25 h.p. are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue, Grand Bayou Blue, St. Louis Canal and Bayou Pointe-aux-Chenes unless authorized by the LDWF. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the LDWF. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations. All ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules prohibited.

w. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday, except closed during duck season. Commercial fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Field Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside except allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: March 15 - July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per person per day.

x. Richard K. Yancey. Recreational Crawfishing: West of the Mississippi River Levee March 15-July 31. 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.

y. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 h.p. rating or less in the Greentree Reservoirs.

NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, except still hunt only and except deer hunting restricted to archery only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

z. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

aa. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for waterfowl. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. All castnet contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted

portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 pounds per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with more than four cylinders is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. Limited access area, no internal combustion engines allowed from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.

bb. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Hammond Field Office. Horseback Riding: Self-Clearing Permit required. Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails depicted on WMA map. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer except as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. Horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.

cc. Sherburne. Crawfishing: Recreational crawfishing only on the South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No

motorized watercraft allowed on farm complexes. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Opelousas Field Office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Ranges open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne WMA will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

dd. Soda Lake. No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. All trapping and hunting prohibited except archery hunting for deer and falconry. Closed to fishing west of Twelve Mile Bayou from Oct. 1-March 31.

ee. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday except slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day and except gill or trammel nets or the take or possession of grass carp are prohibited. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Field Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside except allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: recreational only, limit 100 pounds per person per day. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers

allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

ff. Tangipahoa Parish School Board. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs/UTVs are not allowed except as otherwise specified.

gg. Thistlethwaite. All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only.

hh. Tunica Hills. Camping limited to tents only in designated area.

ii. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

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36:1566 (July 2010), LR 37:2190 (July 2011), LR 38:1732 (July 2012), LR 39:

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

A. the resident game hunting season regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the regulation pamphlet may be obtained from the department.

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§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals

A. Shooting Hours—one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult regulation pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on wildlife management areas or specific localities.

Spec ies	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Posses sion Limit
Quail	OPENS: 3rd Saturday of November CLOSES: Last Day of February	10	20
Rabbit and Squirrel	OPENS: 1st Saturday of October CLOSES: Last Day of February	8	16

Squirrel * rel	OPENS: 1st Saturday of May for 23 days	3	6
Deer 2014 -16	See Schedule	1 antler red and 1 antler rless (when legal)	6/seas on (not to exceed 3 antler ed deer or 4 antler less deer)

*NOTE: Spring squirrel season is closed on the Kisatchie National Forest, National Wildlife Refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property. Some state wildlife management areas will be open, check WMA season schedule.

C. Deer Hunting Schedule—2014-2015

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.	
2	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan.	OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Tues. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in	OPENS: Wed. before the 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Thurs. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
		CLOSES: After 7 days.	Nov. and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years or Wed. during even numbered years before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	will open on the Wed. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs. during even numbered years CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
3	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days	
4	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX)	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
		<p>OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (EITHER SEX FOR 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)</p>	<p>will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to</p>	<p>the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun.</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat.of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Friday after Thanksgiving CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 1st Sat.	after 3rd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 4th Sat. of Dec. CLOSES:Sun. after 4th Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)	
5	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES:	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat.	OPENS: Day after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: 4th Sun. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY)	

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
	Last day of Jan.	of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Day after the close of Modern Firearm Season CLOSES: After 7 consecutive days (EITHER SEX)		
6	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15 days are BUCKS	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec.

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
	ONLY)	Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan.
7	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 1st Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Oct. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Mon. after 3rd Sun. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri Before 1st Sat.	OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: After 35 days (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
		before 2nd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY).	of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY) OPENS: 2 nd Sat of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving.	PROGRESS) OPENS: Sat. after Christmas. CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX)	

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
8	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day.	OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days.
9	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY)	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on

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	days are BUCKS ONLY)	OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan. (EITHER SEX 1ST 7 DAYS, BUCKS ONLY FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON)	will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day. CLOSES: Sun.	the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Next to last Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY UNLESS EITHER SEX SEASON IS IN PROGRESS) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Dec. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Sat. after Christmas.

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			after Thanksgiving day. (EITHER SEX)	CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 2nd Sat. in Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. in Jan. (EITHER SEX)

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			<p>CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. in Oct. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Sun. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Fri. after Thanksgiving. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Sat. after Christmas. CLOSES: Sun. after Christmas.</p>	

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			(EITHER SEX)	

D. Modern Firearm Schedule—2014-2015 (either sex seasons)

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
West Carroll	Area 5	Opens Friday after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

E. Deer Hunting Schedule 2015-2016

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	<p>OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. after 2nd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.</p>	<p>OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 3rd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov. and then it will close on the Fri. before the</p>	<p>OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on the 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: Sun. after 1st Sat. of Jan.</p>

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
			1st Sat. of Dec. OPENS: Mon. after 1st Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: next to last Sun. of Jan.	
2	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: Next to last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before last Sat. of Oct. OPENS: Mon. after the last day of Modern Firearm Season in Jan. CLOSES: After 7	OPENS: Last Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Tues. before 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Wed. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov.	OPENS: Wed. before the 2nd Sat. of Dec. in odd numbered years and on Thurs. during even numbered years EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on

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		days.	and then it will close on the Tues. in odd numbered years or Wed. during even numbered years before the 1st Sat. of Dec.	the Wed. before the 1st Sat. of Dec. on odd years and Thurs. during even numbered years CLOSES: 40 days after opening in odd numbered years or 39 days after opening in even numbered years
3	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Sept. CLOSES: Jan. 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Oct.	OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Oct. CLOSES: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day	

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
		OPENS: Mon. after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: Fri. before 1st Sat. of Dec.	OPENS: 1st Sat. of Dec. CLOSES: After 37 days	
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			after 2nd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: 3rd Sat. of Jan. CLOSES: Sun. after 3rd Sat. of Jan. (EITHER SEX)	

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5	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Last day of Jan.	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. (EITHER SEX) OPENS: Day after the close of Modern Firearm Season CLOSES: After 7 consecutive days (EITHER SEX)	OPENS: Day after Thanksgiving Day CLOSES: 2nd Sun. of Jan. (BUCKS ONLY)	
6	OPENS: 1st day of Oct. CLOSES: Feb. 15 (1st 15	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Nov. CLOSES: Fri. before 3rd Sat. of Nov. OPENS: Mon.	OPENS: Sat. before Thanksgiving Day EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov.,	OPENS: 2nd Sat. of Dec. EXCEPT when there are 5 Sats. in Nov., then it will open on

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		of Dec.		
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			after Christmas. (EITHER SEX)	

F. 2015-2016 Modern Firearm Schedule

(Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
West Carroll 1	Area 5	Opens Friday after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and 1st Sa of Dec. for 2 days.

G. Farm-raised white-tailed deer on supplemented shooting preserves:

1. archery, firearm, primitive firearms—October 1-January 31
(either-sex).

H. Exotics on supplemented shooting preserves:

1. either sex—no closed season.

I. Spring squirrel hunting:

1. season dates—opens 1st Saturday of May for 23 days.

2. Closed areas:

a. Kisatchie National Forest, national wildlife refuges, and U.S.
Army Corps of Engineers property and all WMAs except as provided in
Paragraph 3 below.

3. Wildlife management area schedule—opens 1st Saturday of May for
nine days on all WMAs except Fort Polk, Peason Ridge, Camp Beauregard,

Pass-a-Loutre and Salvador. Dogs are allowed during this season for squirrel hunting. Feral hogs may be taken on wildlife management areas during this season.

4. Limits—daily bag limit is three and possession limit is six.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§113. General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

A. General Regulations. Only gobblers (male turkeys) may be taken. Taking of hen (female) turkeys, including bearded hens, is prohibited; still hunting only. Use of dogs, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and approved archery equipment but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. The running of coyote with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys. A baited area is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following

complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closures. No person hunting turkeys more than 200 yards from a baited area will be in violation of the turkey baiting regulation.

B. Tags

1. Prior to hunting turkeys, all turkey hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain turkey tags and have them in their possession while turkey hunting. Immediately upon killing a turkey, hunters must attach a carcass tag to the turkey before it is moved from the site of the kill and must document the kill on the turkey harvest report card. The date of kill and parish of kill must be recorded on the carcass tag. The tag must remain attached to the turkey while kept at camp or while it is transported to the domicile of the hunter or to a cold storage facility. Hunters who keep the carcass or meat at a camp must also comply with game possession tag regulations. Within seven days of the kill, the hunter must report the kill. Hunters may report turkeys by calling the validation phone number or using the validation website.

2. Turkey hunters purchasing licenses by phone or internet will be given an authorization number and a LDWF identification number that will serve as their license and tags until the physical license and tags arrive by mail. Turkey hunters who have purchased a license with

tags, but have not yet received their physical license and tags, must immediately tag their kill with a possession tag before moving it from the site of the kill. The authorization number and LDWF identification number must be recorded on the possession tag. Hunters must retain documentation of any turkeys killed and upon receiving their physical tags and harvest report card, validate their kill as required in these regulations. The tags for turkeys killed prior to receiving the physical tags must be removed from the turkey harvest report card and discarded.

3. Tags removed from the turkey harvest report card prior to killing a turkey are no longer valid and if lost will not be replaced. Duplicate tags and turkey harvest report cards are available to replace lost report cards and attached tags. Hunters will be charged a fee for duplicate turkey harvest report cards and tags. Hunters that have killed a turkey prior to losing their remaining tag and harvest report card must remove and discard the duplicate tag to account for the original tag that was used and validated. Hunters must record any previously validated turkey on the duplicate turkey harvest report card.

C. Possession of Live Wild Turkeys. No person shall take live wild turkeys or their eggs from the wild. No person shall possess captive live wild turkeys, (*Meleagris gallopavo silvestris*, *M.g. osceola*, *M.g. intermedia*, *M.g. merriami*, *M.g. mexicana*) or their eggs, regardless of origin, without a valid game breeder license. No penraised turkeys

from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

D. Statewide Youth and Physically Challenged Season Regulations. Only youths 17 years of age or younger or hunters possessing a physically challenged hunter permit with wheelchair classification may hunt. Youth must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for youth younger than 16 years of age. Adults accompanying youth may not possess a firearm or bow. Youths may possess only one firearm or bow while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, except properly licensed youths 16-17 years old and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult. Only one gobbler per day may be taken and any gobbler taken by the hunter during this special season counts towards their season bag limit of two.

E. Shooting hours—one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

F. Turkey Hunting Area Descriptions

1. Area A

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Beauregard;

ii. Bienville;

iii. Claiborne;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates).

iv. East Baton Rouge;

v. East Feliciana;

vi. Grant;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);

vii. Jackson;

viii. LaSalle;

ix. Lincoln;

x. Livingston;

xi. Natchitoches;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

xii. Pointe Coupee;

Exception: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal, and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

xiii. Rapides;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

xiv. Sabine;

v. St. Helena;

xvi. Tangipahoa;

xvii. Union;

xviii. Vernon;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

xvix. West Baton Rouge;

xx. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island);

xxi. Winn;

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen—north of LA 104, west of LA 26 south of junction of LA 104 to US 190, north of US 190 east of Kinder, west of US 165 south of Kinder;

ii. Avoyelles—that portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by LA 452 from Brouillette to LA 1, on the south by LA 1, eastward to Hamburg, thence by the west Atchafalaya Basin protection levee southward;

iii. Calcasieu—north of I-10;

iv. Caldwell—west of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line;

v. Catahoula—south and west of the Ouachita River from the Caldwell Parish line southward to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, north and west of LA 8 from Harrisonburg to the LaSalle Parish line, also that portion lying east of LA 15;

vi. Evangeline—north and west of LA 115, north of LA 106 west of LA 115 to US 167, west of US 167 south to LA 10, north of LA 10 west of US 167 to LA 13, west of LA 13 south of LA 10 to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou;

vii. Franklin—that portion lying east of LA 17 and east of LA 15 from its juncture with LA 17 at Winnsboro;

viii. Iberville—west of the Mississippi River;

Exception: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

ix. Jefferson Davis—north of US 190 from junction with LA 26 to Kinder, west of US 165 and north of I-10 west from junction of US 165;

x. Madison—that portion lying east of US 65 from East Carroll Parish line to US 80 and south of US 80. Also, all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xi. Morehouse—west of US 165 from the Arkansas line to the junction of LA 140 at Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to US 165 at Bastrop, south of US 165 to junction of LA 3051 (Grabault Road) south of LA 3051 to junction of LA 138, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134, north of LA 134 to the Ouachita Parish line;

xii. Ouachita—all west of the Ouachita River. That portion east of the Ouachita River lying north of US 80;

xiii. Richland—that portion south of US 80 and east of LA 17;

xiv. St. Landry—that portion bounded on the west by the west Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and on the east by the Atchafalaya River;

Exception: the Indian Bayou area; see federal lands hunting schedule for Indian Bayou area dates.

xv. Upper St. Martin—all within the Atchafalaya Basin;

Exceptions: Sherburne WMA and Indian Bayou area, see WMA Turkey Hunting Schedule for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne WMA boundaries and see federal lands hunting schedule for Indian Bayou dates.

xvi. Tensas—that portion west of US 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with LA 128, north of LA 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry; also all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

2. Area B

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Ascension;

ii. DeSoto;

iii. Red River;

iv. St. Tammany;

v. Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Bossier—all open except that portion bounded on the north by I-20, on the west by LA 164, on the south by LA 164, and on the east by the Webster Parish line;

ii. Caddo—all except that portion north of I-20 from the Texas state line to I-220. west of I-220 to LA 1. west of LA 1 to Caddo Lake, south of Caddo Lake to the Texas state line;

iii. East Carroll—east of US 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;

iv. Iberville—all east of the Mississippi River;

v. Webster—all open except that portion bounded on the north by I-20, on the east by U.S. 371, on the south by LA 164, and on the west by the Bossier Parish line.

Exception: see federal lands hunting schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates.

3. Area C

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Concordia.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Caldwell—all east of the Ouachita River;

ii. Catahoula—all of the parish except for that portion located in area A;

iii. Franklin—west of LA 17 from the Richland Parish line southward to Winnsboro, west of LA 15 southward to the Catahoula Parish line;

iv. Iberia—east of the west Atchafalaya Basin protection levee;

v. Richland—west of LA 17 from Franklin Parish line to Ringle Road, south of Ringle Road to Ferguson Road, south of Ferguson Road to Little Road, south of Little Road to Big Creek, east of Big Creek to Franklin Parish line;

vi. Tensas—east and south of US 65 from Concordia Parish line to LA 128, south of LA 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

4. Turkey season dates on wildlife management areas, national wildlife refuges, Kisatchie National Forest and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land located within areas A, B, and C may vary from the season set for the parish in which they are located. Seasons for these lands are specified in LAC 76:XIX.115.

G. WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

1. WMAs with youth turkey hunts are closed to all activities except turkey hunting by authorized youth hunt participants, shooting range use, and fishing on the day(s) of the youth hunt.

2. Self-Clearing Permits—all turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing. Hunters must check in daily by obtaining a permit from a self-clearing station prior to hunting. The self-clearing permit must be in the hunter's possession while hunting. Upon completion of each days hunt, the hunter must check out by completing and depositing the hunter report portion of the permit in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

3. Lottery Hunts—all or portions of some WMA seasons are designated as lottery hunts and are restricted to hunters selected by pre-application lottery. To apply for these lottery hunts, a hunter must submit a completed official application form to the Baton Rouge office by the deadline printed on the application. A non-refundable fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants for WMA youth hunts must be 17 years of age or younger and at least 8 years old on the day of the hunt. Applicants may submit only one application and may be selected for only one spring WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually, except, youths may also apply for the regular WMA turkey lottery. Submitting more than one application per lottery type will result in disqualification. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Hunters chosen for WMA lottery hunts may be accompanied by one person. The person accompanying a lottery hunter shall not possess a firearm/bow or take a turkey, and must remain within a distance that allows normal voice contact with the lottery hunter at all times. Youths chosen for special youth only hunts may be assigned a guide on the day of the hunt provided that guides are available. One person may accompany the youth and guide, but may not hunt.

4. WMA Physically Challenged Hunt (wheelchair confined)—open only to hunters with a physically challenged hunter permit with wheelchair classification. During this hunt, ATVs may be used by hunters on all designated ATV trails in accordance with the physically challenged

hunter permit. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

5. Rules Specific to Certain WMAs

a. Sandy Hollow. No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

b. Sherburne. All turkeys taken must be checked at the WMA headquarters.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2263 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2375 (November 2002), LR 29:2512 (November 2003), LR 30:2874 (December 2004), LR 31:3167 (December 2005), LR 32:2272 (December 2006), LR 33:2469 (November 2007), LR 35:91 (January 2009), LR 35:2478 (November 2009), LR 36:2581 (November 2010), LR 37:3535 (December 2011), LR 38:2941 (November 2012), LR 39:

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Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§115. Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits

A. Daily limit is one gobbler. Season limit is two gobblers. Turkeys taken on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. Only one turkey may be taken during spring WMA lottery hunts.

B. Turkey season will open on the fourth Saturday in March. The Area A turkey season will be 30 consecutive days in length, the Area B turkey season will be 23 consecutive days in length, and the Area C turkey season will be 16 consecutive days in length. Wildlife Management Areas, National Forests, National Wildlife Refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land may vary from this framework. Deviation from this framework may occur in those years when the fourth Saturday in March falls the day before Easter.

C. Statewide youth turkey and physically challenged season on private lands shall be the weekend prior to the start of the regular turkey season.

D. Only those wildlife management areas listed herein are open to turkey hunting. All other wildlife management areas are closed.

E. 2015 Turkey Hunting Schedule

Area	Season Dates
A	March 28 - April 26
B	March 28- April 19
C	March 28- April 12
Private Lands Youth and Physically Challenged Hunter (Wheelchair Confined) Hunt	March 21- 22

F. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule

WMA	Non- Lottery Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Attakapas	March 28 - April 5	None
Bayou Macon	None	April 18-19

WMA	Non-Lottery Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Big Lake	March 28 - April 12	None
Bodcau	March 28 - April 12	None
Boeuf	March 28 - April 5	None
Clear Creek	April 6-26	March 28-29 April 4-5
Camp Beauregard	March 28 - April 5	None
Dewey Wills	None	March 28-29 April 4-5
Fort Polk- Vernon	March 28- April 26	None
Grassy Lake	March 28 - April 5	None
Hutchinson	March 28 - April 26	None

WMA	Non- Lottery Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
n Creek		
Jackson- Bienville	March 28 - April 12	None
Lake Ramsey	March 28 - April 12	None
Little River	March 28 - April 12	None
Loggy Bayou	None	April 17-19
Pearl River	None	March 28-29
Peason Ridge	March 28 - April 26	None
Pomme de Terre	April 22 - April 26	None
Richard	March 28 - April 12	None

WMA	Non-Lottery Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
K. Yancey		
Sabine	None	April 3-5 April 17-19
Sandy Hollow	March 28 - April 12	None
Sherburne	March 30 - April 1	March 28-29
Sicily Island	None	March 28-30 March 31- April 2 April 3-5 April 6-8 April 9-12
Tangipaho a Parish School Board	March 28 - April 26	None
Tunica	April 13-19	March 28-29

WMA	Non- Lottery Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Hills South Tract		April 4-5 April 11-12
Tunica Hills North Tract	April 13-19	March 28-29 April 4-5 April 11-12
Union	April 6-12	April 4-5
Walnut Hills	March 28 - April 26	None
West Bay	None	March 28-29 April 4-5 April 11-12

G. Wildlife Management Area Lottery Youth Hunts

WMA/Ranger District	Lottery Youth

	Hunt Date
Big Lake	March 21
Bodcau	March 21-22
Clear Creek	March 21
Fort Polk- Vernon/Peason Ridge	March 21
Grassy Lake	March 21
Jackson-Bienville	March 21-22
Loggy Bayou	April 11-12
Pearl River	March 21
Pomme de Terre	April 11
Richard K. Yancey	March 21-22
Sherburne	March 21

Sicily Island	March 21
Spring Bayou	April 11
Tunica Hills	March 21
Union	March 21-22
West Bay	March 21

H. Non-Lottery WMA Youth Hunts

1. Bodcau WMA will be open April 18-19 (only youths may hunt).
2. Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open April 18-19 (only youths may hunt).

I. Wildlife Management Area Physically Challenged (Wheelchair Confined) Hunt

1. Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open April 20-26 to holders of valid physically challenged hunter (wheelchair classification) permits.

J. Federal Lands Turkey Hunting Schedule

1. Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) turkey hunting schedule: (youth only) March 21-22 on Caney, Calcasieu (except Vernon Unit lands within Ft. Polk-Vernon WMA) and Kisatchie Ranger Districts, (youth only) March 21 on Catahoula and Winn Ranger Districts. Caney Ranger District, March 28-April 12; all remaining KNF lands, March 28-April

19 (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves, except self-clearing permit required to hunt turkey on Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers turkey hunting schedule: Indian Bayou Area, March 21-22 youth and physically challenged lottery only hunt, and lottery hunt only on March 28-29 and April 4-5. Old River Control and Lock Areas, March 28-April 12.

3. National Wildlife Refuges: Bogue Chitto NWR, March 28-April 19, March 21-22 (youth only); Lake Ophelia NWR, March 21 (youth lottery only), March 28-April 12 hunt ends at 12 p.m. each day; Tensas NWR, March 21-22 (youth only), March 28-April 12; Upper Ouachita NWR, March 21 (youth lottery only).

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Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 3. Wild Birds

§321. Bird Dog Training Areas

A. Purpose. Bird dog training areas (BDTA) are established to afford users of Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and other public land an opportunity to train pointing dogs and flushing retrievers or spaniels with live released birds. The BDTA is not intended to serve as a hunting preserve. The following regulations are adopted to ensure that users of the BDTA utilize the area as intended, and to minimize the potential for negative impacts on wildlife.

B. Establishment and Posting. BDTAs may be established on any WMA or other public land with written consent of the managing agency. Portions of the WMA/public land without significant wild quail populations, and where wildlife will not be negatively impacted are suitable for establishment of BDTAs. BDTAs must be marked with signs and/or paint clearly indicating the boundaries.

C. Permits and Licenses. Each person using the BDTA for dog training must have a valid self-clearing permit in his/her possession while engaged in dog training on the BDTA. Said permit must indicate the number and species of birds released for training purposes in the comments section. For purposes of this rule, a person or party will be considered to be engaged in dog training if they possess or release live bobwhite quail, mallards or pigeons at any time, or if they are present on the BDTA with pointing dogs, spaniels or retrievers during

the time quail, woodcock, dove or waterfowl season is closed on the WMA/public land. All users of the BDTA must comply with the WMA/public land self-clearing permit requirements. Any person who takes or attempts to take released or wild bobwhite quail, mallards or pigeons on the BDTA must comply with applicable hunting license and WMA/public land permit requirements.

D. Dogs. Only recognizable breeds of pointing dogs, spaniels, and retrievers may be trained on the BDTA. All dogs must wear a collar or tag imprinted with the name and phone number of the owner or trainer. Trainers shall not knowingly allow or encourage their dogs to pursue rabbits, raccoons, or other wildlife.

E. Birds. Only bobwhite quail, mallards or pigeons may be released for dog training activities on the BDTA. However, use of pigeons and mallards may be prohibited on specific BDTAs. Bobwhite quail, mallards and pigeons may only be released within the boundaries of the BDTA. Bobwhite quail, mallards and pigeons may be shot in conjunction with dog training activities. When WMA/public land hunting seasons are closed, only bobwhite quail, mallards and pigeons may be taken and possessed. When the WMA/public land quail, waterfowl or woodcock hunting season is closed, bobwhite quail, mallards and pigeons may only be shot within the boundaries of the BDTA. No more than 6 quail or mallards per day may be released, taken, or possessed per permittee. Wild quail may be taken on the BDTA at any time the BDTA is open to dog training and must be included in the 6-bird limit.

There is no limit on the number of pigeons that may be taken, released, or possessed. All mallards must be toe-clipped, or fitted with a seamless band, or otherwise marked in accordance with federal regulations. Pigeons are not required to be banded. Persons in possession of live bobwhite quail or mallards must have a valid game breeders license or bill of sale from a licensed game breeder.

F. Firearms. When the WMA/public land hunting seasons are closed, only shotguns with shells containing shot not larger than lead size 8 or steel size 6 are permitted on the BDTA. Mallards may only be taken with steel or other approved non-toxic shot. Firearms must be encased or broken down upon entering and leaving the BDTA when the WMA hunting seasons are closed. Pistols capable of firing only blanks are also permitted.

G. Seasons. Unless specified, BDTAs are open to dog training all year. Closure periods may be adopted for some BDTAs. Such closure periods will be noted in the Louisiana Hunting Regulations brochure.

H. Hunter Orange Requirements. Persons engaged in dog training on BDTAs during WMA hunting seasons must comply with WMA/public land hunter orange requirements.

I. Wildlife Management Area/Public Land Regulations. Except as provided herein, all rules and hunting seasons applicable to the WMA/public land on which the BDTA is located are also applicable to the BDTA. Additional regulations may be adopted for some BDTAs and will be listed for each BDTA within the Louisiana Hunting Regulations brochure.

J. Violation of Rules. A person who is convicted or enters a guilty plea for violation of any provision of this rule shall be guilty of a Class 2 violation.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:109(B), R.S. 56:115, and R.S. 56:141(C).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 31:2268 (September 2005); amended LR 33:1151 (June 2007).

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent. This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Poverty Impact Statement

The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed Rule until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 3, 2014 to Steve Smith, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000, or via email to ssmith@wlf.la.gov.

Public Hearing

Public hearings will be held at the following locations: February 25 beginning at 6:00 p.m., LDWF Minden Office, 9961 Highway 80, Minden; February 25 beginning at 6:00 p.m., USGS National Wetlands Research Center, 700 Cajundome Boulevard, Lafayette; February 26 beginning at 6:00 p.m., LDWF Headquarters Building Louisiana Room, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge; February 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m., LSU Ag Center (next to Burton Coliseum), 7101 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles; February 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Alexandria Convention Hall, 915 3rd Street, Alexandria; March 1 beginning at 2:00 p.m., LDWF Monroe Office, 368 Centurylink Drive, Monroe; March 1 beginning at 2:00 p.m., Slidell Municipal Auditorium, 2056 2nd Street, Slidell. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from February through April.

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statement, the filing of the Notice of Intent and

final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Ronald Graham

Chairman

Chairman Graham announced the next item, **The Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**
Commissioner Taylor nominated Commissioner Broussard for Chairman
Commissioner Davis nominated Commissioner Manuel for Vice Chairman

A Motion was made with no opposition

Chairman Graham announced the next item, **To Set the May 2014 Meeting Date**

A discussion took place and the meeting is set for May 1, 2014. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Manuel and seconded by Commissioner Davis. Chairman Graham called for a vote and the motion passed with no opposition.

Chairman Graham announced the next item, **To Hear Public Comments,**

There being no further business, Chairman Graham **Adjourned** the meeting

Billy Broussard, Chairman